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**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON  
MONDAY, 29TH JUNE 2020**

**PRESENT:** Mrs T Coulson - Clerk to the Council

Cllr M Rouse, Mayor

Cllr S Bellow

Cllr E Carlsson Browne

Cllr A Whelan

Cllr I Lindsay

*1 Parishioner*

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr R Morgan

Cllr K Wilkins

Cllr E Every

Cllr S Austen

*E Senior for Ely Splashpad Campaign*

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr D Warman

Cllr M Downey

Cllr R Denness

*County Cllr A Bailey*

**1. APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

**2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were no requests for dispensations.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST JUNE 2020 AND MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 1st June 2020 were agreed and will be signed as a true record. Pages 1840, 1841, 1842 and 1843 refer. There were no matters arising.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman informed councillors this would be his last meeting as the Chairman of the Council. He thanked Councillors and staff for all their support over the past two years. He also thanked the Chairs and Officers in this difficult time, ensuring the continuation of the Council's services. He had sent a letter of condolence to RAF Lakenheath, following the tragic loss of one of their pilots.

**6. QUESTION TIME**

Ms E Senior, representing the Ely Splashpad Campaign, a group of local residents trying to get this facility in Ely, presented their case for this. A parishioner had emailed a request for some questions, regarding the Splashpad to be put to the Council under this item. The Clerk had responded to these before the meeting and provided all Councillors with a copy of their email. Councillors did not wish to put these to the meeting. The Chairman thanked Ms Senior for her presentation and agreed that item 14, where this would be discussed further by the Councillors, would be brought forward and discussed after item 10.

*A parishioner left the meeting at 7.30 pm.*

## **7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

County Cllr Bailey presented her report, which is attached to and forms part of these minutes. Cllr Bailey had also provided a report regarding Covid-19 overview for this area. The County Council were modelling for a £16.5 million funding gap, due to Covid-19. The County Council are also preparing a control plan, in the event of a local outbreak. Councillors asked questions regarding the plans for the A10/A142 roundabouts, which she answered. Cllr Every, in her capacity as a County Councillor, gave an update in relation to the County Council and in her capacity as a District Councillor, gave an update in relation to the District Council. Her report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

Cllr A Whelan, in her capacity as a District Councillor, informed Councillors there were vacancies on the Internal Drainage Boards, if Councillors were interested, they should inform the Clerk.

Cllr C Whelan, in her capacity as a District Councillor, informed Councillors she was still awaiting the Youth Strategy reports from ECDC to come through.

Cllr Downey, in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed Councillors he had been appointed to ECDC's Covid-19 Working Group. He was also assisting District residents.

## **8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT**

The Mayor had not attended any engagements due to the lockdown.

## **9. PLANNING**

A report of the Planning Committee meeting, immediately prior to this meeting was received.

## **10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

The following information only items were received:-

Street Naming and Numbering:- Unit 1C, Chettisham Business Park, Lynn Road, Chettisham, Ely

*Item 14 was brought forward on the agenda and discussed after item 10.*

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – Cllr A Whelan presented a report of a meeting held on the 8th June, which was approved. Councillors had noted the report detailing the financial losses to the Council during the period of lockdown in relation to Covid-19. The Clerk had confirmed she had now started the process with regard to obtaining the CiLCA qualification. The updates regarding the Governance Working Group and the Strategic Plan Working Group were noted. Cllr A Whelan proposed the revised Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement be adopted by Council. This was seconded by the Chairman and unanimously approved. The Chairman will sign the newly adopted Policy. Members unanimously approved the recommendation to amend the City Ranger's job description.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Lindsay presented a report of a meeting held on the 23rd June, which was approved. Cllr Lindsay reported that the hanging baskets were now in place and the planters had all been planted up. They are looking very good and brighten up the City. The new MVA's are now in place along Prickwillow Road. A meeting had been held with regard to the new crossing at St John's School. The crossing at Cambridge Road will be raised with the County Council as there had been incidents where pedestrians have not been seen when using the crossing. The bus shelter at Lancaster Way will remain under the ownership of the Council and will be refurbished. The plans for the proposed refuge crossing to access Bridge Fen Allotments was not being pursued as originally planned, due to the cost. However, a new scheme with a crossing point adjacent to the roundabout, with a new pathway and access ramp would now be undertaken. The Association had felt this was acceptable, subject to extra signage on the roundabout and vehicle entrance and re-marking of the paintwork on the road indicating that vehicles could be turning right, off the carriageway.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – Cllr Phillips presented a report of a meeting held on the 22nd June, which was approved. The Estates Manager will undertake a report on the condition of the equipment at the Paradise play area and the Deputy Clerk will request ECDC confirm the timescales for the development of the old Paradise pool. The Committee will then determine the timescale for the replacement of the equipment in this area. The website for the Friends of Ely Cemetery is now live. Cllr Phillips proposed changes to the cemetery rules to no longer restrict burials to those of parishioners only. There would be varying fees, for non-parishioners depending on whether they lived in or outside of the District. This was seconded by the Chairman and unanimously agreed. These changes will take immediate effect. Cllr Phillips informed Councillors that play areas and outside gyms could re-open from

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED .....**

the 4th July. These are however, subject to strict guidelines. It was unanimously agreed that the Council’s sites would not be opened until the Council was happy that the guidelines had been adhered to and they could be used safely. The initial areas to be opened would be at St John’s Road, Willow Walk and High Barns. The Council will make parishioners aware of this decision by erecting signs on all the play areas and putting this information on the Council’s website and social media.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met.

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – Cllr Morgan presented a report of a meeting held on the 15th June, which was approved. The Clerk had emailed Lucy Frazer MP, offering Sessions House and the Maltings as possible venues to host Nightingale Courts. The procurement process was currently being looked out in relation to the replacement of the seating at the Maltings. It was agreed that the Maltings would not open until it was allowed to fully function under the Government’s guidance. Cllr A Whelan informed Councillors that the Maltings Cottage had not been discussed at the ECDC meeting as expected. Councillors discussed how to move forward with the Maltings Cottage, but as a response had still not been received from ECDC, following the survey submitted to them, it was agreed a meeting should be arranged with them. Cllr Morgan and Rouse will attend this.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – No report as Committee had not met.

(viii) TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE – No report as Committee had not met, due to technical issues. Cllr Warman informed members that by email, Councillors had agreed to the opening of the OCH shop, from the 3rd July. This will be Thursday-Sunday, on reduced hours for a trial period. Cllr Bellow requested an update from the Chairman on the City Ranger and her involvement with the Covid-19 Support Hub. Cllr Warman agreed to provide this. Cllr Bellow asked how the Council was moving forward with regards to Covid-19. It was unanimously agreed to form a Covid-19 Working Group, to look at the impact on the Council and how we move forward. Councillors who will make up this group will be Cllrs Bellow, Every, Denness, Austen, Downey and C Whelan.

The Clerk asked members to consider the re-opening of the OCH attraction, as tourist attractions were now able to open. Councillors agreed this would re-open from mid/late July, ensuring all guidance was adhered to.

**12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS**

Governance Working Group – Councillors noted the notes from meetings held on the 20th May and 16th June. Cllr C Whelan informed Councillors the Working Group had discussed the need for the Switch-on and Christmas Lights to be Working Groups. Councillors agreed that Christmas Lights and Switch-On would no longer be Working Groups and would be reported back through the Committees, by the Officer. Councillors resolved to continue with the Governance Working Group in order to review how the new structure is working. Decision lists would be produced following a Committee meeting before the minutes were released.

Strategic Plan Working Group – Councillors noted the notes from meetings held on the 26th May and 10th June

**13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

There were no reports from external meetings.

*Item 14 was brought forward on the agenda and discussed after item 10.*

**14. TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY LOCAL RESIDENTS FOR A SPLASH PAD**

Councillors discussed the proposal that had been put forward to them during Question Time. Some Councillors did feel this would be a good facility to have within Ely, but there were concerns regarding a suitable location for this and how it would all work. Concerns regarding the capital and on-going costs were also raised. It was generally agreed there was support for this facility, but it was a very complex issue. The Council would need to look at its financial situation and ECDC should also be involved with these proposals. Cllr C Whelan proposed that the CIL Working Group should be tasked with looking at this proposal. This was seconded by the Chairman and a vote undertaken with 10 Councillors in favour of this recommendation. It was therefore resolved the CIL Working Group will look at this proposal.

*Ms Senior, County Cllr Bailey and Cllr Wilkins left the meeting at 8.01 pm.*

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MAYOR  
27th July 2020

## 15. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

### *Direct debit payments and BACS payments*

Lex Autolease	695.29	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	30.72	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	98.91	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	1345.37	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	100.07	Paid by direct debit
Chess ICT Ltd	209.36	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	135.28	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	140.48	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	142.93	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	56.76	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	258.71	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	1000.18	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	948.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	923.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	499.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	1821.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	279.00	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Barclays	81.55	Paid by direct debit
Plan Communications Ltd	116.99	Paid by direct debit
Plan Communications Ltd	116.99	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	78.66	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	78.66	Paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	392.39	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	62.93	Paid by direct debit
Haven Power Ltd	35.43	Paid by direct debit
Sutton Coldfield U3A	42.00	Paid by BACS
Love a Taste Ltd	150.00	Paid by BACS
Yum Yum Fudge	195.00	Paid by BACS
Mr A Hewitt	410.00	Paid by BACS
S J Buck	85.00	Paid by BACS
Miss K Green	150.00	Paid by BACS
The Ely Gin Company	130.00	Paid by BACS
Kamila Karas	130.00	Paid by BACS
Ceramika	145.00	Paid by BACS
Ely Museum	50.00	Paid by BACS
D J Wines Ltd	150.00	Paid by BACS
Gourmet Spice Co	150.00	Paid by BACS
Mr T Chapman	130.00	Paid by BACS
Mr N Griffin	130.00	Paid by BACS
The Tiny Tipple Company	130.00	Paid by BACS
Yare Valley Oils	130.00	Paid by BACS
Souvlaki Shack	250.00	Paid by BACS
Mid Norfolk Smoke House	50.00	Paid by BACS
Candi's Chutney	150.00	Paid by BACS
N Griffin	130.00	Paid by BACS
Hordiy Ltd	65.00	Paid by BACS
Lemon Tree Deli	65.00	Paid by BACS
S Blake	87.50	Paid by BACS

## 16. FINANCE CONTINUED .....

*The following invoices had been paid prior to the Full Council, due to due date of payment with the approval of the Chairman*

Greenworks Solutions Ltd	180.00	113295
Trade UK	29.98	113296
Social Media Brands Experts Ltd	30.00	113297
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	16.99	113299

*The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting*

G & J Peck Ltd	32.52	113300
Simpson's Nurseries Ltd	146.94	113301
Total Gas & Power	9.95	113302
Hanchets	672.00	113303
ESPO	95.88	113305
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	120.00	113304
Konica Minolta Bus Solutions Ltd	4.88	113306
Aztek Services Ltd	606.00	113308
Balfour Beatty Living Places Ltd	856.43	113307
Gordon Harrison	42.00	113309
Mrs S Drane	65.00	Paid by BACS
Marston Robing Ltd	2436.00	Paid by BACS
G & J Peck Ltd	24.90	113300
Trade UK	78.47	113310
G & J Peck Ltd	10.99	113300
Paul Myerson HVAC Maintenance Ltd	2351.87	113115
KOMPAN Ltd	2354.58	113314
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	50.68	113313
Cranbrook Plants	4417.80	113312
Bargate Master Locksmiths Ltd	80.00	113311
ECDC	1635.66	113316
R Atkins	150.00	Paid by BACS
Cooleraid	31.20	113317
Glasdon UK Ltd	659.95	113298

### **Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 1st June 2020**

Salaries and wages	£28,731.97
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£8,103.07
Pension fund payments	£9,405.20

**Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st May 2020**

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

*Due to enforced social distancing caused by the Coronavirus, this meeting took place by video communication, accessed by the Zoom meetings facility.*



## **Cambridgeshire County Council Update - City of Ely Council, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

### **County Council Finances**

The County Council has led a joint piece of work by S151 (Finance) Officers across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to present the financial situation faced by the County as a result of Covid 19. Councils are grateful for the funding from central Government to date (£3.2b nationally for local Government, plus other specific funding for adult social care to support infection control and increased staffing costs in care homes). Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils have collectively received almost £44m. However, there is still a collective funding gap in our county of some £54m, which, if there were no further Government funding, would leave the Councils with only reserves to cover the shortfall which would leave them depleted to unsustainable levels. Concerns around the collection rates of Council Tax and Business Rates are being voiced nationally going into the next financial year. The conclusions of the report are:

As a collective of public sector organisations supporting Cambridgeshire and Peterborough we conclude that:

1. There is not enough money in the system;
2. The breathing space that the Government has provided to date will expire in the near future;
3. Therefore the Government needs to start refining approaches immediately to deal with this quickly to ensure that we can continue to operate collectively across the system to achieve effective recovery;
4. Government needs to work with public sector agencies when considering what changes are acceptable, desired, and deliverable to deal with the situation;
5. Without a clear action plan public services and the people we are here to support will suffer, possibly irreparably.

Government is indicating a further funding settlement announcement over the next couple of weeks.

### **Covid 19 Statistics in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough**

The County Council Public Health team collates information about the Covid 19 pandemic in Cambridgeshire. For those interested to read further detail, I am attaching the full report to the circulation of my County Council report, but I have picked out some headlines below.

As can be seen below, in terms of infection rates Cambridgeshire has fared well in comparison with regional and national data, and East Cambs has fared well in comparison with other Cambridgeshire districts.

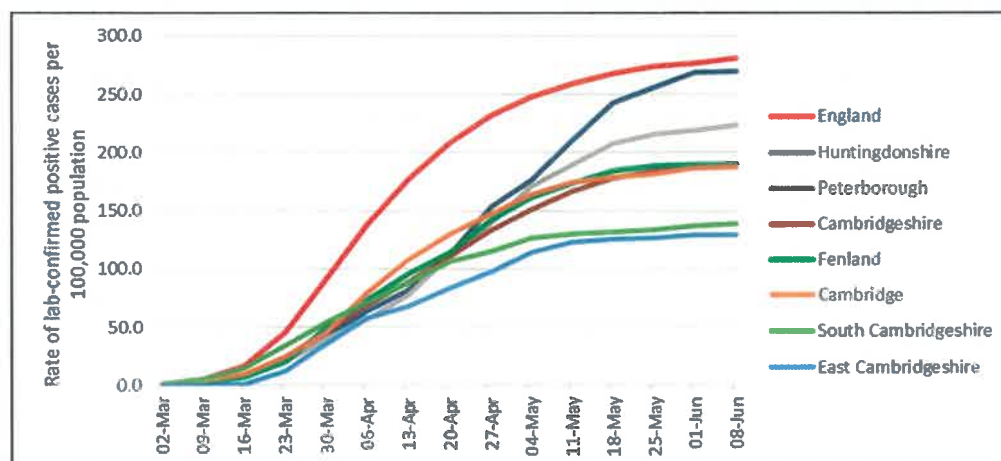
**The numbers and rates of pillar 1 testing (cumulative lab-confirmed<sup>1</sup> cases of Covid-19) reported at 15 June 2020**

Area	Total cases	Rate per 100,000	95% CI	
			Lower CI	Upper CI
Cambridge	236	187.7	165.2	213.2
East Cambridgeshire	115	128.7	107.2	154.4
Fenland	192	189.2	164.3	217.9
Huntingdonshire	478	269.5	246.4	294.8
South Cambridgeshire	218	138.4	121.2	158.0
Cambridgeshire	1,239	190.2	179.9	201.1
Peterborough	449	223.3	203.6	244.9
East of England	14,751	237.9	234.1	241.7
England	157,293	281.0	279.6	282.4

**Key points:**

- The cumulative rates of confirmed cases of Covid-19 per 100,000 population are statistically significantly lower in Cambridgeshire (190.2) and most of the districts, when compared to the region (237.9) or England (281.0).
- The cumulative rate of confirmed cases of Covid-19 per 100,000 population in Huntingdonshire (269.5) is statistically significantly higher than the Cambridgeshire and regional rates but statistically similar to the national rate.
- The cumulative rate of confirmed cases in Peterborough (223.3) is statistically significantly lower than the national rate but statistically similar to the regional rate.

**The cumulative rates of pillar 1 testing lab-confirmed Covid-19 positive cases per 100,000 population by reporting week – England, Peterborough and Cambridgeshire districts**



<sup>1</sup> COVID-19 cases are identified by taking specimens from people and sending these specimens to laboratories around the UK to be tested. If the test is positive, this is referred to as a lab-confirmed case.



*Key points:*

- The rates of lab-confirmed Covid-19 positive cases per 100,000 population increased at higher rates up to the week starting 11 May (11 to 17 May), but the weekly increase in the rates is slowing.
- The cumulative rate of confirmed cases of Covid-19 per 100,000 population in Huntingdonshire on week commencing 8 June is statistically significantly higher than the Cambridgeshire and regional rates but statistically similar to the national rate.

However, Cambridgeshire has not fared so well in terms of outbreaks in care homes and work is ongoing to try to understand this in more detail.

*Number of COVID-19 outbreaks in care homes (most recent 6 recording periods)*

Area	Week starting						All outbreaks*	Number of care homes	Percentage of care homes that have reported an outbreak
	27-Apr	04-May	11-May	18-May	25-May	01-Jun			
Cambridge	0	1	2	0	1	0	12	15	80.0
East Cambridgeshire	2	0	1	0	0	0	7	21	33.3
Fenland	3	5	1	0	0	0	13	28	46.4
Huntingdonshire	3	2	2	0	0	1	16	34	47.1
South Cambridgeshire	1	3	4	0	0	0	18	33	54.5
Cambridgeshire	9	11	10	0	1	1	66	131	50.4
Peterborough	3	1	1	1	1	1	18	35	51.4
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough	12	12	11	1	2	2	84	166	50.6
East of England**	103	58	55	39	19	18	737	1676	44.0

*Key points:*

- In total 84 out of 166 (50.6%) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough care homes have reported a suspected or confirmed outbreak of Covid-19 to CQC since early March 2020.
- The percentage of care homes in the East of England who have reported a Covid-19 outbreak is 44%. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, independently, have higher percentages reporting (50.4% and 51.4% respectively).
- Of the Cambridgeshire districts, South Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire have the highest number of care homes who have reported a Covid-19 outbreak (18 and 16 care homes respectively).
- Cambridge has the highest proportion of care homes reporting a Covid-19 outbreak (80%).
- East Cambridgeshire has a relatively low proportion of care homes reporting a Covid-19 outbreak (33.3%).
- For the week starting 1 June, there was only 1 reported Covid-19 outbreak in the care homes in Peterborough and 1 in Huntingdonshire.

## Cumulative number of Covid-19 deaths occurring from 27 March to 5 June 2020, by place of death

Local authority name	Place of death						
	Home	Hospital	Care home	Hospice	Other communal establishment	Elsewhere	All settings
Cambridge	3	34	42	1	0	0	80
East Cambridgeshire	3	30	16*	0	0	0	49
Fenland	3	55	14	1	0	0	73
Huntingdonshire	6	84	27	0	0	1	118
South Cambridgeshire	2	36	19	0	0	0	57
Cambridgeshire	17	239	118	2	0	1	377
Peterborough	2	63	22	1	0	1	89
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough	19	302	140	3	0	2	466

### Key points:

- Data show that between 27 March and 5 June 2020, 466 deaths occurred related to Covid-19 within Cambridgeshire & Peterborough residents, with 302 (65%) of the total occurring within hospitals and 140 (30%) occurring within care homes.
- Huntingdonshire is the district with the largest number of Covid-19 deaths registered. 118 out of 466 (25%) deaths, and 84 out of 302 (28%) hospital setting deaths, in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have occurred in Huntingdonshire residents.
- The total number of deaths related to Covid-19 occurring within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has declined in week 23 (21 deaths compared to 31 in week 22 – data not shown).

### Local Outbreak Control Plan

Government requires local areas to have their own Local Outbreak Control Plan. The Director of Public Health in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Chairs the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Covid 19 Health Protection Board which oversees our Plan. Test and Trace will identify local hotspots and outbreaks where local measures may need to be taken to control these.

### Pop Up Cycle and Walking Schemes

The County Council is assessing and implementing a number of “pop up” schemes across the county to provide more space for cycling and walking to better facilitate social distancing. The measures will be paid for by the Combined Authority from funding received from Government. In Ely, the current schemes being considered can be viewed in the documents to the CCC Highways and Transport Committee (see link towards the bottom of the page):

<https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccclive/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1528/Committee/62/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

A second round of funding coming from central Government for more permanent schemes is being forward funded by the Combined Authority.

### A10/A142 BP Roundabout and Lancaster Way Roundabout, Ely

I have been working on the project to upgrade the two roundabouts to improve traffic flow for 5 years now, intensively so for 3.5 years. I am delighted that the funding package of £2.3m + Covid contingency is now complete. The money is coming from a variety of sources, including S106 development funding (from Grovemere at the Lancaster Way Business Park), the Combined Authority Business Board (the old LEP), the Combined Authority itself and East Cambs District Council. It has been a long hard battle to put the funding together, but the last piece of the jigsaw fell into place recently when ECDC agreed a request for £150k CIL (development) money to go towards the Lancaster Way roundabout.

Work is due to begin on site at the BP roundabout in July and is expected to be complete by December. I do need to set expectations a bit! The upgrades to these two notorious roundabouts are not going to solve all the problems. Even before the Ely Bypass opened this area of Ely has seen a 56% increase in traffic and the BP roundabout is one of the busiest in the whole of Cambridgeshire. The changes to the BP roundabout are only about mitigating future impacts from the expansion of the Lancaster Way Business Park. Without changes to Lancaster Way roundabout no real improvement to traffic flow would actually be realised, hence the need to also upgrade Lancaster Way.

The changes to the BP roundabout will unlock jobs growth at Lancaster Way Business Park, with c.2,500+ new jobs set to come from the expansion, 75% of which are expected to be filled by local people. The expansion of the Business Park is not allowed to go ahead until the changes to the BP roundabout have been carried out. The main changes are no right turn onto the A142 from the BP garage site, a new third arm to the roundabout from the A142 turning left onto the A10 towards Littleport and widening of other arms to improve traffic flow.

Changes to the Lancaster Way roundabout are due to go out to public consultation over the summer with work due to start in the new year.

I am very cognisant of the issues in this location for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders and a huge amount of effort has gone into trying to find a safe solution. However, no “at grade” solution is available, ie nothing can be done to the BP roundabout on site at the same level to deal with the issues for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. What is needed is a proper dedicated safe crossing of the A10, which the current relatively minor changes cannot fund.

However, the Combined Authority’s A10 junctions upgrade project, which has now been allocated funding by central Government, has an absolute commitment to make improvements in this area to provide a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the A10 and I am already working on ensuring that this gets delivered.

### **Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) A10 Strategic Outline Business Case Junctions and Dualling**

The CA has opened a “virtual room” to provide residents with information about the options for dualling the A10 and upgrading junctions. This is not a formal consultation at this stage, but does offer the opportunity for people to provide feedback on the options at this early stage. The virtual room can be accessed here: <https://a10dj.exhibition.app/>



### **Combined Authority Climate Change Commission**

The Combined Authority has appointed Baroness Brown of Cambridge as Chair of its Climate Change Commission.

### **Combined Authority Ely Market Town Plan**

The Combined Authority has increased the funding available to the 10 market towns in Cambridgeshire to £13m. The draft Market Town Plan for Ely is due to be considered by the Combined Authority at its Board meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> August. Once adopted, the real work begins to develop individual projects to bring the vision to reality.

You can view the Market Town Plan for Ely on the East Cambs website from when it came to the Finance & Assets Committee where it was approved by the District Council:

[https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/agendas/F%26A180620\\_V21%20-%20App%201%20%28Ely%29.pdf](https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/agendas/F%26A180620_V21%20-%20App%201%20%28Ely%29.pdf)

As ever, I am happy to try to answer questions.

Anna Bailey, Cambridgeshire County Councillor for Ely South  
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**City of Ely Council– Cambridgeshire County Council and East Cambridgeshire District  
Update – 29 June 2020**

**Cambridgeshire County Council  
Cllr Lis Every, Cambridgeshire County Councillor – Ely North**

All questions raised from the last meeting answered direct to those who raised their query.

Nothing much further to add to Cllr Bailey’s report. Applications for funds submitted for the £5 million Capital Fund through the Community Champions or County Councillors are being regularly assessed and approved. This has been an extremely popular fund. However, it is now oversubscribed. If unsuccessful, where possible, Community Champions are working with applicants to identify other funds in order to improve or add to their community assets.

**East Cambridgeshire District Council – Ely East**

The Council’s first Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan was approved unanimously.

The Draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2020-2025 was approved and congratulations given from the Committee on the proactive and successful work the Housing team are doing.

Expenditure of £150,000 to support the A142/Witchford Roundabout Project was agreed.

A new COVID-19 cross party Working Party has been formed with Councillors Ian Bovington, Lis Every, Jo Webber; Charlotte Cane, Matthew Downey and Sue Austin working on the recovery plan which will also require engagement with the Parish Councils and their plans for Post Covid-19 recovery.

The draft Masterplans for Ely and Soham were approved for submission to the Combined Authority to unlock the Market Town strategy funding. Once approved there will be a second phase which will require full consultation with all stakeholders which will include the City Council.

The Community Safety Partnership will be widened to form part of a place based approach to community activity and a presentation will be given to the next Operational Services Committee at East Cambridgeshire which will be extended into a programme of awareness raising and training with the Parish Councils

New licensing legislation which will come in for 4 July. This means that all pubs may hold outside areas as appropriate, including their car parks, for outside eating and drinking as well as being able to offer takeaway food and drink. There will be no licencing required for tables and chairs outside coffee shops and restaurants for the moment. As changing conditions allow pubs and restaurants to open requiring different client queuing for sit down and takeaway clients, opening of toilets and social distancing they will be required to have risk assessments to comply with the all new regulations. Their behaviour and that of clients will be under the jurisdiction of Health and Safety at ECDC and any breaches investigated by them. Non-compliance could lead to a notice to put things right in 21 days or closure. These will be required for all the City Councils’ assets engaged in this type of activity.

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