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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY,  
16TH AUGUST 2021 AT THE MALTINGS, SHIP LANE, ELY.**

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

Cllr S Austen, Mayor

Cllr R Denness

Cllr I Lindsay

Cllr V Ganivet

Cllr R Morgan

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr A Whelan

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr S Bellow

*2 parishioners*

**NOT PRESENT:** Cllr M Downey

**1. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Every, Rouse, Warman & Wilkins and their reasons accepted.

**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 5TH JULY 2021 AND MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 5th July 2021 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Pages 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911 & 1912 refer.

There were no matters arising.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced the passing of Mrs Winifred Hughes on the 17th July 2021. She had been the Clerk to the Council from September 1990 to February 2002.

**6. QUESTION TIME**

A parishioner, who was also a member of the City of Ely Allotments & Gardens Association asked why the Association had not been informed by Cllr Wilkins that he was discussing the possible taking over of the Deacons Lane allotments from the Thomas Parsons Charity. The parishioner also asked for clarification as to whether Cllr Wilkins was still the Council's representative on the Association as he had not been to a meeting for some time and did not respond to emails or telephone calls. The Clerk confirmed that he was still the Council's representative. Members were not aware that he had not raised the Deacons Lane allotments with the Association. The Clerk will contact him to request that he raise this with the Association and also contact them with regard to attending the meetings.

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27th September 2021

## **6. QUESTION TIME CONTINUED .....**

Another parishioner asked that on looking at the attendance register, they had noticed that Cllr Downey did not attend meetings and did not give apologies. They asked if there was any action the Council could take against him. The Chairman confirmed that councillors had to attend a minimum of one meeting in a six month period. He had done this so there was no action that the Council could take against him. The parishioner said they would have expected the Councillor to attend more meetings and was very disappointed with their non-attendance.

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

Reports were received from County Cllrs Whelan and Coutts and also from Cllr C Whelan in her capacity as a District Councillor. The Chairman had requested the District and County Councillors submit separate reports to Full Council at the last meeting. The Mayor reiterated this again and asked why it had not been done. A heated discussion was undertaken between the Chairman and Cllr A Whelan. Cllr A Whelan confirmed that she would only be doing joint reports with Cllr Coutts and not individual ones. She also said if the Council was not satisfied then there would not be a report available as the Council cannot dictate her reports from outside bodies are presented to them

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

The Mayor had attended the Ely Festival, the Gala night at the Cathedral, the Folk Festival, Mildenhall Change of Command, Eel Day and judged the vintage cars on Palace Green.

## **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: -

Notification of Road Closures:- Ely Road, Queen Adelaide, Ely 14-15.8.21; Lynn Road, Ely 22.8.21; High Street, Ely 6.9.21 – 25.2.21(emergency repair work to boundary wall at entrance to the Almonry, disabled parking bay and 1 standard parking bay will be closed off); Chapel Street, Ely – 6 – 8.9.21; Forehill, Ely – 13-16.9.21

Notification from Cambs County Council regarding an application for a Definitive Map Modification Order to record a bridleway from Queen Adelaide Way, Ely near the old Overfall Mill, adjacent to the bottom of Middle Fen Bank to Old Bank, Prickwillow on the Definitive Map and Statement for Cambridgeshire.

Notification from Peterborough City Council regarding the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan, which has now been adopted by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council.

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE – Cllr A Whelan presented a report of a meeting held on the 13th July 2021, which was approved. It was noted that a Councillor seminar will be held in October to discuss what Councillors hope to achieve and agree key objectives from the Strategic Plan. The first step will be for the Committee Chairs to revisit the draft Strategic Plan in relation to their own Committee and review the aims and objectives contained within this and decide in light of the pandemic, whether these are still achievable. The outcomes of this could be presented at the Councillor seminar. Members unanimously agreed to reappoint the Internal Auditor for the financial year 2021/22. The approval and adoption of the Volunteer Policy was supported subject to a couple of amendments. This will be amended by Cllr Bellow and the Clerk and circulated to Councillors for formal approval. Members noted the process being undertaken with regard to the staff review. It was agreed the minutes of the CIL Sub-Committee meeting held on the 26th July 2021 must be approved by the PF&G Committee before coming to the Full Council. It was noted that members of the Sub-Committee had requested that the minutes of these be permitted to go straight to Full Council for approval. This request will be discussed further at the next PF&G

## 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED .....

Committee meeting. Cllr Phillips asked if further information was needed regarding a bid for CIL funding for one of the Committee bids, where could this be obtained from. The Clerk confirmed that they could email her and she would ensure the information was provided by the appropriate officer or councillor.

(ii) CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Lindsay presented a report of a meeting held on the 12th July 2021, which was approved. It was hoped to bring the ‘20’s Plenty’ speed reduction scheme presentation to the next Full Council meeting. The Clerk will seek further clarification on the proposals regarding the adoption of the new bus shelters for the North of Ely development.

(iii) ASSETS – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Phillips had prepared a report, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting, regarding a proposal for the naming of the Sensory/Well-being garden at the cemetery. Members noted and discussed this and Cllr Phillips proposed it should be named the Rose Appleyard Garden. This was seconded by Cllr Lindsay and unanimously approved. Cllr Phillips informed councillors he had now undertaken the research on the Ely soldier, S Ankin, who was buried in the Netherlands. He had been able to send them details and a picture of him. He was very pleased he had been able to provide the story of his life. Cllr Rouse had assisted him with this. It was agreed to publicise this in the next edition of the Elyi.

(iv) TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 19th July 2021, which was approved, due to the Chairman of the Committee not being present. Cllr Morgan proposed the Council approve the recommendation from the meeting that the Council takes responsibility for the planned digital display boards around the City from the District Council. This was seconded by Cllr Lindsay and unanimously approved.

## 12. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Members noted the notes of meetings from:-

Prickwillow Village Council – meeting held on the 25th May 2021

Stuntney Village Council – meeting held on the 14th July 2021

City of Ely Allotments and Gardens Association – meeting held on the 9th June 2021

Cllr Phillips praised all three of these organisations with regard to the professionalism of their minutes, which reflects the good work they are all doing.

## 13. TO CONSIDER CONSULTATION BY ECDC REGARDING THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 – STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR LICENSING

Members unanimously agreed the Council would not submit a response to this consultation.

## 14. TO CONSIDER A STREET TRADING CONSENT APPLICATION FOR A MOBILE ICE CREAM VENDOR

Members had no objection to this application.

## 15. FINANCE

*Members approved the following payments:-*

*Direct debit payments and BACS payments*

ECDC	499.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	923.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	948.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	279.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	1821.00	Paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease	695.29	Paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease	383.70	Paid by direct debit

Shire Leasing Ltd	242.70	Paid by direct debit
Barclays	138.82	Paid by direct debit

#### 14. FINANCE CONTINUED.....

British Telecommunications	50.88	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	73.71	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	140.71	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	68.89	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	63.29	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	63.29	Paid by direct debit
Haven Power Ltd	34.28	Paid by direct debit
Haven Power Ltd	35.43	Paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	342.85	Paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	405.35	Paid by direct debit
Plan Communications Ltd	116.99	Paid by direct debit
Plan Communications Ltd	116.99	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	169.59	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	238.33	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	345.06	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	287.13	Paid by direct debit
Chess ICT Ltd	260.46	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	284.65	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	515.61	Paid by direct debit
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	452.40	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	630.03	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	640.99	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	83.50	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	83.95	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	40.01	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	3240.23	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	84.64	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	2.92	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	42.64	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	3633.00	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	400.83	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	1653.37	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	628.20	Paid by direct debit
CamAlarms Ltd	196.20	Paid by BACS
S Blake	566.50	Paid by BACS
Elyi Magazine	174.00	Paid by BACS
D Holt	50.00	Paid by BACS
Cambridge Art	264.00	Paid by BACS
E Long	49.50	Paid by BACS
British Telecommunications	108.98	Paid by BACS
Sign of the Times Ltd	2172.60	Paid by BACS
Sterling Cleaning Services Ltd	50.40	Paid by BACS
MLCS Ltd	312.00	Paid by BACS
Ellgia Ltd	27.31	Paid by BACS
S Blake	687.50	Paid by BACS
We are Blushed Ltd	300.00	Paid by BACS
British Telecommunications	42.54	Paid by BACS
British Telecommunications	89.28	Paid by BACS

English Eden Garden Design	290.00	Paid by BACS
P Sadgrove	135.00	Paid by BACS

**14. FINANCE CONTINUED.....**

J Peck	103.50	Paid by BACS
V Wood	36.00	Paid by BACS
D Holt	50.00	Paid by BACS

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

Jewson Ltd	6.46	113758
RGP Security Services Ltd	99.00	113759
1st Call (Hire & Sales) Ltd	19.88	113760
Ensign Solutions Ltd	519.88	113761
Middle Fen & Mere IDB	86.94	113762
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	41.08	113763
Witham Oil & Paint (Soham) Ltd	109.27	113764
S Bradley	300.00	113765
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	311.64	113766
Total Gas & Power Ltd	12.47	113767
Direct Wholesale Foods	61.74	113768
Adler Manufacturing Ltd	118.80	113769
City Cycle Centre	54.96	113770
ECDC	1658.56	113771
CoolerAid Ltd	14.41	113772
Cordee	209.70	113773
Westair Reproductions Ltd	757.56	113774
Local Media Publishing Ltd	180.00	113775
Soham Pest Control	99.00	113776
Securitas Security Services Ltd	117.60	113777
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	3.04	113778
Anglian Water	46.32	113779
Trade UK	97.21	113781
Mrs E Gardner	60.00	113782
ESPO	19.62	113783

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

ECDC	47.36	113784
CoolerAid Ltd	85.69	113785
Trade Uk	43.75	Paid by BACS
ATS Heritage	234.00	113786
VisitEngland	282.29	Paid by BACS
Jewson Ltd	39.17	113787
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	120.00	113788
Mile Tree Brewery Ltd	367.49	Paid by BACS
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	162.54	113789
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	478.73	113790
ECDC	180.00	113784
RGP Security Services Ltd	96.00	113791
Millennium Pest Control	66.00	Paid by BACS
Securitas Security Services Ltd	117.60	113792
Ensign Solutions Ltd	379.55	Paid by BACS
ESPO	47.10	113793
Playsafety Ltd	417.00	113794
Warren Access	637.20	113795
Eden Farm Hulley's	293.95	113796

Total Gas & Power	12.86	113797
Classic Biers Ltd	2970.00	Paid by BACS

**Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 5th July 2021**

Salaries and wages	£26,358.76 (July)	£29,378.67 (Aug)
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£8,115.12 (July)	£8,109.32 (Aug)
Pension fund payments	£9,449.04 (July)	£9,181.78 (Aug)

**Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 30th June 2021**

*The meeting closed at 8.13 pm*

## Report from District Council

July's full council meeting saw the first face to face meeting since the end of the restriction regarding council meetings.

It was held at Littleport Leisure centre.

A tribute was given to a former Liberal Democrat councillor who had recently died.

There were no petitions or motions put forward at this meeting.

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS

***Former District Councillor Tom Kerby asked the following question: "With the current Parliamentary Constituency Boundary review under way, would the Council support the inclusion of Newmarket moving from the constituency of West Suffolk to South East Cambridgeshire? This would be the first step in joining Newmarket with Ely under the Council of East Cambridgeshire."***

*The Leader of Council, Cllr Anna Bailey, replied: "Thank you for your question Tom and welcome back to Council. This Council has always recognised the close bond between our towns and villages in the south of our District and the town of Newmarket, and has always sought to build positive relations and close working with our Suffolk neighbour. To many, the boundary between our District and the town are something of an anomaly. Cllrs Alan Sharp and Amy Starkey in particular, work closely with both West Suffolk and Newmarket Town Council and I also know that Cllrs David Brown and Lavinia Edwards, for example, are working with Exning Parish Council on cycle routes. So, there is close working and co-operation at both Officer and Member levels. Nevertheless, I don't honestly believe that the current parliamentary constituency boundary review is necessarily the most appropriate mechanism to address this issue. I say this for three pragmatic reasons: Firstly, we support the current proposal which for the first time keeps our District in one constituency and we would be reluctant to make counter proposals that could put this in jeopardy. Later in this meeting there is a paper about the Council's response to the review consultation. Secondly, whilst that may be arithmetically possible, all Members will know that changing our proposed boundary will have a domino effect on surrounding areas that could be problematic. In this case and finally, I think it would have the effect of splitting the constituency across 2 counties which, particularly given we have a Combined Authority, would probably be undesirable. I also understand that the proposal would potentially split Suffolk into Essex and Cambridgeshire. So, for all of those reasons I don't think it's something we could take forward at this time. Many thanks for your question." Upon being invited by the Chairman, Tom Kerby explained that previous attempts to move Newmarket from Suffolk to Cambridgeshire had been unsuccessful but there was a desire to revisit it since geographically Newmarket was an anomaly within Suffolk, and the District and County Councils in Suffolk were not felt to serve the town well. Residents generally looked to the triangle of Ely – Newmarket – Cambridge for retail and leisure rather than towards the page 3 150721 Council Mins larger towns in Suffolk, and*

*there was a good relationship with East Cambs District Council. The Parliamentary Constituency Boundary review was the first opportunity to raise the issue, and hence he had brought the question to the Council.*

There were questions from members which can be found on the website in the draft minutes.

There was a problem with the email system at ECDC and some of the emails were lost during a period of time. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time that we are aware that this has happened. It has been very frustrating as we are not sure how many emails have been lost at this stage.

#### **CORPORATE PLAN**

The new plan was presented and discussed. The feeling was that there were things that could have been improved in this plan, but it was resolved with a vote being taken.

#### **BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND 2023 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES – EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION ON INITIAL PROPOSALS FOR NEW PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES**

Council considered a report introduced by the Infrastructure & Strategy Manager, which detailed the proposed submission to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) consultation on the initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries.

This was agreed by all councillors.

The draft minutes from the full council meeting can be found on

[https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/minutes/DRAFT%20150721%20Council%20Minutes\\_0.pdf](https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/minutes/DRAFT%20150721%20Council%20Minutes_0.pdf)

The next operational services meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm

There is to be a by election in Soham North on 23<sup>rd</sup> September due to the resignation of Cllr Victoria Charlesworth who is relocated to another area.

Christine Whelan District Councillor Ely West



## Report of Ely North and Ely South County Councillors – 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021

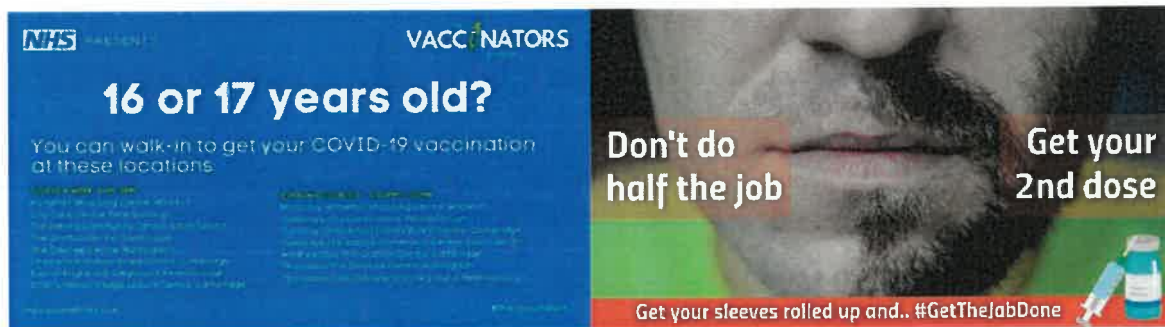
### COVID-19

COVID-19 cases have risen sharply in the last 2 weeks to 305.4 cases per 100,000 from. In East Cambridgeshire, the rate is slightly higher at 307.2. This translates to 57 active cases in Ely.

Hospital admissions have continued to increase. There are currently 84 patients in hospitals across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough as a result of Covid and there have been 11 deaths within 28 days of a positive Covid test In Cambridgeshire.

At the moment, the number of people in hospital and dying from Covid locally is lower than the last time rates were this high. This is because infections rates are highest among young people, who are at lower risk as well as the protection being offered through the vaccine. However, this is now starting to affect our over 60's, which is concerning.

16 and 17 year olds can now get vaccinated and a campaign is under way, along with a campaign to make sure people realise the importance of having the second vaccine dose.



The image is a promotional poster from NHS Vaccinators. On the left, a blue box contains the text '16 or 17 years old?' and 'You can walk-in to get your COVID-19 vaccination at these locations:'. Below this, there are two columns of small text listing various locations. On the right, a close-up photograph of a person's face is shown with their mouth open. Overlaid on the photo is the text 'Don't do half the job' and 'Get your 2nd dose'. At the bottom right of the photo, there is an image of a vaccine vial and syringe. A red banner at the bottom of the poster reads 'Get your sleeves rolled up and.. #GetTheJobDone'.

### A10/Witchford Road Roundabout

We continue to be contacted by members of the public who have had near misses on the A10 near the BP roundabout while trying to cross either with bikes or on foot.

There are currently no plans to resolve this problem and we have contacted Mayor Johnson to expedite improvements that should have been carried out when the roundabout was redeveloped.

We have set up a petition, along with our County Colleague Lorna Dupre, calling on the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority to put matters right and install safe crossings at the roundabout. The petition is at [www.tinyurl.com/A10SafetyCantWait](http://www.tinyurl.com/A10SafetyCantWait)

We have also written to the new Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, Nik Johnson, as follows.

“Congratulations on your election as Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. We hope you will find this a rewarding role, with many challenges and opportunities ahead.

We are sure you have many urgent and important issues on your desk right now. We would however want to draw your attention to the dangerous situation left by your predecessor at the roundabout at the junction of the A10 and A142 at Ely (the ‘BP’ roundabout).

## New County Council administration: taking stock and looking ahead

The new County Council Joint Administration has been taking stock of the council's financial position and ways of working, at a time of continuing increasing financial and demographic pressures as well as new variables around Covid legacy and recovery. In other words:

- Less income and a continuing need to 'make savings'.
- Inflation; economic costs of Covid to the council.
- People getting older and/or with increasingly complex health needs.
- A highways network in 'managed decline'.
- Issues around member conduct and transparency (see next item).

The 2020/2021 accounts have been presented in draft and indicate the size of the financial challenge left by the outgoing administration with

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total
Unidentified Savings Requirement For The Year	£22.2m	£14.7m	£15.1m	£12.0m	£64.0m

Our job as a council is to provide the best possible services for our residents. We will be reporting in more detail in weeks to come.

The next round of committee meetings is in September, and all meetings are live-streamed and accessible on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CambsCountyCouncil/videos>

## Conflict of interest guidance for County Council members to be strengthened

The County Council writes: "Changes to Cambridgeshire's conflicts of interest guidance for Members aim to improve transparency, build public confidence and ensure confidentiality where it's appropriate, the County Council's Constitution and Ethics Committee heard.

As part of the Council's responses to recommendations arising from the Manor Farm Audit, the Committee heard that training had taken place for all Members on the Members Code of Conduct, and approved the new guidance.

This will mean Members informing the Chief Executive in writing if they or their family are entering into a relationship with the council, such as receiving a complex social care service, entering into a dispute with the council or applying for a service which has an eligibility criteria – such as a tenancy.

As well as overseeing any decisions made in such instances, the Chief Executive, with the Monitoring Officer and Head of Internal Audit will appoint a specific senior officer to oversee and support the relevant service to prevent delays and make sure the process is properly applied.

There will also be clear guidance about when a Member can and can't be identified.

This new guidance applies to all County Councillors, their immediate family, and when they are acting as a representative of another individual such as an executor.

It won't apply when Members are acting on behalf of a resident in their role as a councillor, unless they have a close personal relationship with them. This guidance will now be recommended to Full Council as an appendix to the Members' Code of Conduct in the Council's Constitution to ensure the necessary level of visibility."

## School Meal Vouchers

The County Council has agreed to provide supermarket vouchers over the summer holidays for families entitled to free school meals. Up to £537K of council funds will be needed to make up the difference between Government funding and the cost of ensuring all eligible families have their needs met.

## Apprenticeships Funding

Cambridgeshire County Council has agreed to transfer £273,000 of its apprenticeship levy fund to K-10, an organisation set up to support apprenticeships in the construction industry. K-10 will work with award winning housebuilder Hill to find placements for the 21 apprentices in the county, allowing them to gain skills and qualifications in plumbing, electrical, carpentry, groundworks, dry-lining, bricklaying and painting.

As a levy paying employer, the council is able to transfer 25% of unused, annual levy funds to other employers that wish to utilise apprenticeships to train their staff. As the transfer of funds would support employment for Cambridgeshire residents on major construction projects with Hill, the funding transfer was approved. All of the apprenticeship positions are full time with the first year pay rate being £8.36 per hour. Apprentices will all be studying at colleges or training providers within the county for the duration of their apprenticeships.

K10 is recruiting now, so if you know of anyone aged 18 or above who may be interested in one of these fantastic opportunities, please encourage them to apply at [www.k-10.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.k-10.co.uk/vacancies) or send their CV directly to K10 at mahbub-uddin@k-10.co.uk.

## NHS IVF services to be reinstated

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has agreed to reinstate IVF specialist treatment services for people living in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG area. The decision was taken to reinstate the service and fund one cycle, with up to three transfers of embryo(s) for each eligible patient.

The CCG Governing Body will meet on 4 August 2021 to approve the eligibility criteria and the service will be reinstated from that date.

The CCG suspended funding for NHS-funded IVF services in 2017 when the CCG was one of the most financially challenged health systems in the country. The CCG ran a 20-week public consultation at this time and, as a result, agreed to pause funding for IVF treatment and to review this decision at regular intervals.

There is a national drive for the NHS to fund some level of IVF treatment.

## Please use '111' - non-emergency first port of call

Hospitals are running at full capacity and trying to address unprecedented waiting lists. Ambulances are sometimes not able to transfer people on arrival at A&E due to the number of walk-in patients, some of whom could be treated outside of A&E. Therefore we are being asked to use the '111' phone service as a first port of call for non-emergency concerns. The 111 service is well-resourced to manage this role. In an emergency, please ring 999

### A10 Crack Sealing Works

Work is currently underway on the A10 from the Leisure Village roundabout to the A1101.

The section from the A1101 to Grange Lane will be closed overnight between 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August and the section between Grange Lane and the Leisure Village will be closed overnight between 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Diversions on the Ely section will run along Cam Drive, Lynn Road through Chettisham to Grange Lane.

This work has highlighted speeding issues along Cam Drive with cars misjudging the roundabouts at speed and ending in local gardens. We would ask that the City of Ely Council look at the need for traffic calming measures along this road.

### Whistleblowing Policy

The County Council adopted a new whistleblowing policy designed to make it easier and clearer that any concerns can be raised with no fear of retribution.

### Carbon Footprint Tool



Place Based Carbon Calculator is a free tool which estimates the per-person carbon footprint for every Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) in England. LSOAs are small statistical areas with a population of about 1,500 - 3,000. It draws on a wide range of data and research to give a representative view of how carbon footprints vary across the country. PBCC is intended to help communities and policy makers understand where their carbon footprints come from and what we need to do to reduce them.

## Combined Authority

The new mayor is moving forward with bus franchising proposals. Currently 90% of bus services are commercial and councils therefore have no control over their routes, frequencies or fares. We know that we urgently need at least a 24% shift to public transport from cars to reduce carbon emissions significantly, and this won't happen unless we have attractive public transport alternatives.

The draft business case is expected in the Autumn prior to plans going out to public consultation. Bridget and the leader of the county council appealed for subsidised travel for young people as we are well aware that in rural villages getting young people to education or training is a real problem if you don't have access to a car.

The Mayor declined to declare a Climate Emergency but has established a Lead Member role for Climate Change and Environment which he has offered to Bridget. The CPCA Board voted, not unanimously, to accept all of the recommendations of the recently completed Independent Climate Change Commission which focused on moving us swiftly to Zero Carbon. It is extremely disappointing that not all members of the board accepted that rewetting peat is absolutely critical to minimising carbon emissions in our region and that future drying out of peat will in fact cause vast quantities of carbon to be released into the atmosphere with all the dreadful consequences we all know so much about.

The CPCA has been awarded £172k to run a career hub for next year. It will involve 30 schools and colleges and will hopefully help to get our young people into training and jobs that will well support their futures.

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