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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY,  
6TH DECEMBER 2021 AT THE MALTINGS, SHIP LANE, ELY.**

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

Cllr S Austen, Mayor

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr I Lindsay

Cllr R Morgan

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr S Bellow

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr V Ganivet

*County Cllr P Coutts*

**NOT PRESENT:** Cllr M Downey

**1. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr D Warman, Cllr E Every, Cllr R Denness, Cllr A Whelan and Cllr K 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 8TH NOVEMBER 2021 AND  
MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th November 2021 were agreed and signed as a true record. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 refer.

Matters arising:- Page 1928, Item 11 – Cllr Bellow informed members there was no path to the Prickwillow War Memorial.

The Clerk brought to member's attention a request from the Splashpad that there was a mistake in the July Full Council minutes under the Climate & Environment Committee report, which stated that the Splash Pad Group were going for pre-application planning advice at the Country Park. This was actually the Skatepark Group that was doing this. Members noted this correction.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman invited councillors to stay after the meeting for a mince pie.

**6. QUESTION TIME**

As there were no parishioners present, there were no questions raised.

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

A written report was received from County Cllrs Coutts and A Whelan which was noted. Cllr Coutts informed members the Enhanced Status for this area had been extended for a further 3 weeks. He had also requested another look at highway priorities across Ely, by the County Council. He felt it would be good to have another look to ensure there is a comprehensive scheme across the City. Cllr C Whelan, in her District Councillor capacity, informed members of ECDC's decision to suspend the green bin collections until the end of January, due to a lack of HGV drivers.

*County Cllr Coutts left the meeting at 7.13 pm.*

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

The Mayor had attended the Ely Ribe dinner; wreath laying service at the War Memorial on the 11th November and Remembrance Service and Parade and wreath laying on the 14th November; Oliver Cromwell's House Christmas shopping day; the Rainbow Preschool open day; Christmas lights switch-on; RAF Lakenhealth Winter Reception; a Yule Ball, Ely Children's Society Christingle Service and the Ely WI Carol Service to celebrate their 100th birthday. The Deputy Mayor had attended Wisbech's Christmas Carol Service.

## **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 and noted: -

Notification of Street Naming and Numbering:- Dovehouse Close, Ely – 18.1.22 -20.1.22; East 2022 pre-surface treatment works, surface treatment works and post surface treatment works – 4.1.22 – 3.7.23 (includes Lumley Close and Williams Close, Ely)

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE – Cllr Rouse presented a report of a meeting held on the 22nd November 2021, which was approved. Members considered the proposal of a precept for 2022/23 of £660,000, which would result in a 3.43% increase on a band D council tax property. This increase would be below the current rate of inflation. Councillor Rouse proposed the budget for 2022/23 be recommended for approval and a precept of £660,000 be set. This was seconded by Cllr Lindsay. A vote was undertaken with 8 members voting for this and 1 abstaining. The proposal was therefore approved. Cllr Austen proposed the request from the Assets Committee for £60,000 from CIL funds to refurbish the play area at Paradise be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Phillips and unanimously agreed. It was felt that this refurbishment should be undertaken in conjunction with the housing development so no damage occurs to the new equipment. Cllr Phillips informed members the Committee would be looking at accessibility for all to this site and would also access all the other sites. The Internal Auditor's reports for her first visit on the 15th and 16th November for the Council, the Maltings and OCH were noted. Members expressed thanks to all staff for working so hard and maintaining such high standards. Councillors noted that the Town Crier had decided after 20 years to resign from this position. This would be after the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations and her contract will end on the 30th June 2022. Councillors accepted her decision and thanked her for all her years of service. It was agreed that her resignation be accepted and the Council agree in principle to fill this position. The Town Crier would be asked to be involved in this process and agree timings with her. Cllr C Whelan informed members there had been 12 entries to the Photography Competition. She would speak to the Tourism & Town Centre Manager with regard to the prizes for this competition.

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

(ii) **CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT** – Cllr Lindsay presented a report of a meeting held on the 15th November 2021, which was approved. It had been agreed that all Council owned trees need to be surveyed on an annual basis for insurance purposes. A quote for a survey has been sourced from Ligna Consultancy Ltd and accepted. A resident from Willow Walk had contacted the Council about a tree in the play area that is overhanging his property. Cllr Lindsay and the Estates Manager met with the Trees Officer at ECDC who has recommended that the tree be removed and a more suitable tree be planted. Cllr Lindsay had met with County Cllr Piers Coutts to discuss several highway issues. Cllr Coutts had agreed to assist with the problem of the lack of bus shelter provision on Angel Drove. Stagecoach will be contacted once again to suggest that the bus shelter opposite the petrol station at Tesco could be used due to the close proximity to the new stop on Angel Drove. He will also assist the Committee with enquiries about double yellow lines in several areas of the city. Cllr Coutts has also agreed to try and find out who is responsible for the lights near to the new underpass as several of them are not working. The ownership is not clear. Cllr Denness will be setting up a 20's Plenty community group to move forward with the 20s Plenty Speed Reduction Campaign. It had been agreed that 15 trees will be planted in Ely cemetery to represent the 15 Councillors of the City of Ely Council. Extra trees will be planted in the sensory garden. Some of the trees will be provided by the Woodland Trust and others will be purchased. The Queen's Green Canopy project for Cambridgeshire, will be informed. The Climate & Environment Committee will work on a climate change action plan, led by Cllr Denness. Cllr Lindsay will be recommending to the Governance Working Group, that the Climate Change Working Group should be disbanded. The theme for the floral displays next year will be red, white and blue for the Jubilee celebrations.

(iii) **ASSETS** – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 13th December 2021. Cllr Phillips updated members with regard to the sensory garden as work had now begun and it was hoped that this should be completed in the next 12 months. The refurbishment of the chapel will also be looked at.

(iv) **TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE** – Cllr Lindsay presented a report of a meeting held on the 29th November 2021, which was approved. The report from the Tourism and Town Centre Manager was noted. The update on the progress of the website and digital signage was also noted. The Christmas Shopping and Lights event had been a great success.

## **12. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

Members noted the notes of meetings from:-

Stuntney Village Council – minutes of the AGM and a meeting held on the 18th November 2021.

Cllr Phillips informed members he had attended a meeting of Ely Trinity Dole. He explained who they supported financially and asked members to contact him if they knew of any recipients that might be eligible to benefit from the charity. It was agreed the Council should look at possible ways to promote these local charities, through its website and Facebook.

## **13. TO CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS FOR STREET NAMES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT BY VISTRY EAST MIDLANDS AT LAND NORTH OF CAM DRIVE, ELY**

Members considered possible themes and street names for this development and unanimously agreed the nature theme should be continued. Cllr Rouse agreed to come up with possible suggestions. These will be forwarded by the Clerk to members for approval and then submitted to the developer for consideration.

## 14. 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	383.70	Paid by direct debit
Barclays	217.16	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	2010.39	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	794.07	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	98.88	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	212.58	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	101.58	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	42.54	Paid by direct debit
Plan Communications Ltd	116.99	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	65.68	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	244.81	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	123.00	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	333.71	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	279.75	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power	116.71	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power	460.09	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power	55.76	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power	3336.73	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	780.85	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	224.15	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	750.07	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	94.52	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	79.75	Paid by direct debit
Liquidline Ltd	292.92	Paid by direct debit
Drax Energy Solutions Ltd	35.43	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease	124.08	Paid by direct debit
S Lindsay	99.00	Paid by BACS
Nunton Christmas Trees	1600.00	Paid by BACS
J Peck	34.00	Paid by BACS
E Long	48.00	Paid by BACS
D Holt	50.00	Paid by BACS
E Warrington	100.00	Paid by BACS
Cambridgeshire Turf Nurseries	192.00	Paid by BACS
Anglian Lifts Ltd	275.40	Paid by BACS
V Rudkin	441.30	Paid by BACS
V Rudkin	34.00	Paid by BACS
Morelock Signs Ltd	82.80	Paid by BACS
Isle Interactive Ltd	90.00	Paid by BACS
E Long	95.00	Paid by BACS
RGP Security Services Ltd	105.60	Paid by BACS

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

Cambridge Art	562.50	Paid by BACS
Anglian Lifts Ltd	460.47	Paid by BACS
Harper Collins Publishers	234.11	Paid by BACS
M Chinery-Colyer	700.31	Paid by BACS
Sterling Cleaning Services Ltd	50.40	Paid by BACS
Minerva Publications	118.80	Paid by BACS
CamAlarms Ltd	150.85	Paid by BACS
Shefs	669.60	Paid by BACS
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	30.09	Paid by BACS
Ellgia Ltd	17.98	Paid by BACS
ESPO	75.60	Paid by BACS
Thomas Ridley & Son Ltd	382.78	Paid by BACS
Konica Minolta Bus Sols Ltd	279.17	Paid by BACS
Mr R Todd	581.00	Paid by BACS
CamAlarms Ltd	394.80	Paid by BACS
H C Electrical	894.24	Paid by BACS
J Gelder	87.00	Paid by BACS
London Hearts	2466.00	Paid by BACS
ATS Heritage	600.00	Paid by BACS
CamAlarms Ltd	394.80	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*

Ellgia Ltd	17.98	113908
ESPO	75.60	113909
Thomas Ridley & Son Ltd	382.78	113910
Konica Minolta Bus Sols Ltd	279.17	113911
ESPO	49.56	113912
Nisbets	124.76	113913
We Are Blueshed Ltd	180.00	113914
Heelis & Lodge	700.00	113915
Thomas Ridley & Son Ltd	121.09	113916
Gordon Harrison	121.51	113917
SLCC	351.00	113918
Simpson's Nurseries Ltd	86.48	113919
G & J Peck Ltd	521.03	113920
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	163.25	113921
Warren Access	456.00	113922
Studio Nova Ltd	180.00	113923
G & J Peck Ltd	2010.00	113924
Verve Digital	960.00	113925
A Hayter-Smith	200.00	113926

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

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

Konica Minolta Bus Sols Ltd	176.26	113927
We Are Blushed Ltd	180.00	113928
ESPO	28.86	113929
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	61.55	113930
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	131.21	113948
G & J Peck Ltd	39.98	113931
Jewson Ltd	20.69	113932
ATS Heritage	234.00	Paid by BACS
Churches Fire Security Ltd	177.84	113933
Human Capital Department	600.00	113938
Chess	511.61	Paid by direct debit
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	452.40	Paid by direct debit
Trade UK	218.25	Paid by BACS
Verve Digital Ltd	120.00	113935
E Long	49.50	Paid by BACS
Amber Ankh Events	120.00	Paid by BACS
Thomas Ridley & Son Ltd	371.72	113934
G & J Peck Ltd	39.98	3931
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	14.99	113948
Green King Brew & Retail Ltd	1321.72	Paid by direct debit
Chess	105.28	Paid by direct debit
Aztek Services Ltd	610.80	113937
Ensign Solutions Ltd	275.16	113936
RJH Technical Consultancy Ltd	1494.00	113943
Cybertill	65.68	Paid by direct debit
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	54.00	113948
Eden Farm Hulley's	329.09	113941
M Routledge	972.50	Paid by BACS
A G Hobbs	153.60	113939
Elliga Ltd	26.96	113940
RGP Security Services Ltd	336.00	113942
British Telecommunications	246.17	Paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease Ltd	87.00	Paid by direct debit
Warren Access	576.00	113944
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	250.00	Paid by direct debit
Fen Farm Supplies	63.00	113945
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	43.51	113946
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	172.23	113948
Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	234.00	113947

#### **Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 8th November 2021**

Salaries and wages	£26,639.60
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£8,181.79
Pension fund payments	£8,813.70

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

*The meeting closed at 7.55 pm*

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# County Councillors' Report

## Cllr Alison Whelan, Ely North

## Councillor Piers Coutts, Ely South

### December 2021

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#### Summary

- Covid-19 Overview, In Schools, Case rates in East Cambs, Vaccination, Testing
- Holiday Activity and Food
- Household Support Fund
- Full Council November Meeting
- Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
- Sunnica planning application
- Climate Change & Environment Strategy
- The Combined Authority
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#### COVID-19 – Overview

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's Enhanced Response Area status for tackling the Covid pandemic lasts until at least Monday 6 December. More information at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/enhanced-response-area-status-vital-to-protect-nhs-and-vital-services>

Cambridge University Hospitals' Chief Executive Roland Sinker warned in early November that Addenbrooke's was 'ceasing to function as a hospital' and that 'You'd have to be asleep to not realise the profound nature of the crisis we're in'. At that time 150 of the 900-1,000 beds were closed due to infection control and pandemic-related reconfiguration. The hospital was caring for 58 people with COVID-19, 11 of them in the critical care unit. Ambulances were queuing outside the hospital, and one woman died in the back of an ambulance while waiting.

#### Covid-19 precautions in Schools

Cases in schools have risen significantly in the last week and are expected to rise further. Pressure on staffing resources is now critical and a number of schools are close to closing classes due to safety considerations.

Attendance continues to be high, however. Cambridgeshire's school attendance benchmarking tool was sent to the Secretary of State for Education by his policy advisor as a case study of best practice on highlighting challenges with pupil attendance.

Vaccination rates among Cambridgeshire's 12-15 year olds are at or above the East of England average in all Cambridgeshire districts, and all are higher than the England average. Vaccination rates among 12-15 year olds in East Cambridgeshire are the second highest in Cambridgeshire.

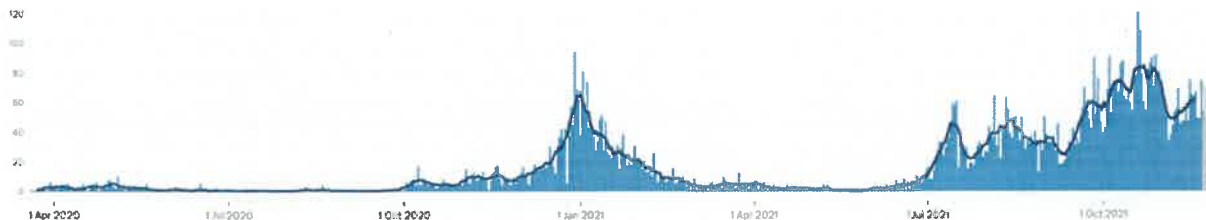
As at 23 November vaccination rates among 12-15 year olds were as follows.

Area	12-15 vaccination uptake
South Cambridgeshire	60.0%
East Cambridgeshire	56.5%
Huntingdonshire	54.7%
Cambridge	47.0%
Fenland	45.8%
East of England	45.8%
England	39.8%

## Case rates in Cambridgeshire

As of 27 November:

- 3,139 cases were recorded in Cambridgeshire in the previous seven days—477.6 cases per 100,000 population. This is above the East of England average of 455.9 cases per 100,000 population.
- 443 of these cases were in East Cambridgeshire, an increase of 10 per cent on the previous week—491.3 cases per 100,000.



Cases in East Cambridgeshire since the start of the pandemic

## Vaccinations

71,228 people in East Cambridgeshire had been given their first dose of the vaccine by the end of 25 November. 65,461 people in East Cambridgeshire had been given their second dose.

Booster vaccinations are now being offered to those aged 40 and above who had their second dose of the vaccine more than six months ago. However the NHS is struggling with capacity to deliver the booster programme, meaning that a number of local residents are being offered their booster vaccinations in locations as distant as King's Lynn, and even people with pre-booked vaccination appointments are having to queue round the block at their chosen location

## Testing

Mobile testing vehicles continue to visit sites across the county, offering on-the-spot tests as well as kits to take away and complete at home. You can also order kits to use at home. More information at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting)



## General Covid information

- <https://twitter.com/CambsCC>
- <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-overview>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine>

## Holiday Activity & Food in Cambridgeshire

Enriching experiences and a nutritious lunch are being made available in the Christmas holidays for the children of families receiving benefits-related free school meals.

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme offers fun with friends and free food for primary and secondary school children in Cambridgeshire. Sessions will include a healthy meal, a variety of exciting activities or sports and the opportunity to socialise with other children. Any child receiving benefits-related free school meals is eligible for the programme.

Funded by the Department for Education (DfE) for the next three years, the HAF scheme enables councils like Cambridgeshire to coordinate free holiday childcare and enriching experiences locally. The programme will be delivered by approved providers, and co-ordinated locally by Cambridgeshire County Council.

Each eligible child will be able to access up to 16 hours of free holiday childcare or enriching experiences through the school Christmas holiday period. Bookings have already opened and information about how to book with participating providers can be found at

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf)

As part of the HAF programme, eligible children will be able to access:

- Fun and enriching play or new experiences providing new skills and knowledge.
- At least one meal a day.
- Guidance on healthy eating and getting children involved in food preparation and cooking
- Support for parents, carers or other family members with guidance on how to source, prepare and cook nutritious and low-cost food.
- Information and signposting to other services and support which might be helpful.

The Council is working with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the HAF programme.

At the time of writing, the programme is available in East Cambridgeshire at Isle of Ely Primary School, Bottisham Community Primary School, Football Fun Factory at Littleport and Soham, Kids Club Ely Holiday Club, and Premier Education at The Hive Ely and Weatheralls Primary School Soham. Registered Holiday Scheme Providers and childminders are welcome to sign up to deliver the programme, by emailing [HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

## Household Support Fund

Cambridgeshire's Household Support Fund, funded by the Department for Work and Pensions, has been created to help people experiencing immediate financial hardship to pay for food, household energy or other essential items. The scheme will run until 31 March 2022.

Support is offered in two ways:

- Support with food, household energy and other essentials for individuals and families: residents are eligible to access this support if they earn less than £17,940 per year, or are in receipt of certain state benefits
- Direct food voucher scheme: as in previous school holidays, supermarket vouchers will be issued to families meeting the low income criteria for free school meals, funded childcare for two-year-olds, early years pupil premium, or sixth form students eligible for free school meals.

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund)

## Full Council

Other items for the full Council meeting on Tuesday 9 November were:

- The appointment of Stephen Moir as the Council's new Chief Executive—Stephen used to work for the County Council some years ago and was a strong choice as the new Chief Executive.
- Various changes to the Council's constitution, which were agreed.
- The parental leave policy for councillors which was approved.
- The Pension Fund Committee annual report, which was also agreed
- Motions on surface water flooding, resettlement of Afghan citizens, the Government's social care plan, and cuts to Universal Credit, which again were all agreed. The motion on Universal Credit resolved that the County Council would work with partners to set up a funding scheme to support children and young people whose families are on Universal Credit or free school meals to have reduced cost access to out of school activities, in order to support them to reach their educational and personal potential.

## Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

The County Council's Environment & Green Investment Committee approved a draft revised Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, which will go out to public consultation shortly. The overall objectives of the strategy remain the same:

1. Understanding flood risk in Cambridgeshire
2. Managing the likelihood of flooding
3. Helping Cambridgeshire's citizens to manage their own risk
4. Ensuring appropriate development in Cambridgeshire
5. Improving flood prediction, warning and post flood recovery

The new strategy will cover the period 2021-2027. It has been updated to reflect the effects of climate change, changes in policy and legislation, the increased importance of working in partnership—and of course the winter 2020 floods. The strategy identifies that there needs to be much greater clarity on the roles of each flood risk management authority, and greater reference to riparian ownership and community involvement.

## Sunnica planning application

Slightly later than envisaged, Sunnica have now submitted their application to the Secretary of State for their enormous solar installation stretching from the outskirts of Thetford Forest to Burwell. The County Council is working with Suffolk County Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council and West Suffolk District Council to make the required response on the 'adequacy of consultation'.

## Climate Change & Environment Strategy

A draft of the County Council's revised Climate Change & Environment Strategy will be considered by the Council's Environment & Green Investment Committee on 16 December. This follows a series of engagement meetings with parish councils, local businesses, and Council staff across the organisation. The final version of the Strategy will be considered by the Full Council at the budget meeting in February.

The Council's annual report on its carbon footprint will go to the Committee for consideration in January.

## The Combined Authority

The Combined Authority has introduced a new 'Sustainable Growth Ambition Statement' to accompany its budget. This Statement restates the commitment in the Devolution Deal signed between the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough councils and Government, 'to double the size of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough economy in the 25 years from the date of the Deal'. It also lists the six themes which will inform the Combined Authority's investment programme:

- Health and skills
- Climate and nature
- Infrastructure
- Innovation
- Reducing inequalities
- Financial and systems

The Combined Authority Board also considered the final report of the Independent Commission on Climate, agreed to address the proposed actions for which the Combined Authority is responsible, and consider the additional recommendations for other 'stakeholders' such as local councils, businesses, Government, and others.

In very good news, the Combined Authority has recognised the need to develop a new Further Education campus in Ely to address gaps in provision. 'This is to meet sufficiency requirements for the projected growth in the 16-19 cohort, tackle 'cold-spots' in FE provision for adults and create new facilities for specialist curricula. The proposed provision will also expand access to Technical Education through expanding T-Levels and green skills courses. It will reduce travel times for students by providing local provision.' This will not happen quickly, but it is great to see this in the budget papers at last.

The Board also agreed to spend nearly £350,000 in Ely—on CCTV, the general appearance of some city centre business frontages, and signage and street furniture. This is part of the £1M awarded to each of the 'market towns' in Cambridgeshire, to fulfil the recommendations of a series of 'market

town masterplans’ produced by consultants. Soham is due to be putting in several bids, and Littleport (which wanted to spend the money on a roundabout) has been steered to work on other bids instead.

The Combined Authority has portioned out to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough the Capability Fund money received from Government for active travel. Cambridgeshire’s share is £258,939, to be spent on workplace travel planning, school travel planning, active travel communications, updating of cycle maps, active travel scheme planning and design, data and evidence collecting, and Fenland to Peterborough national cycle network 63.

## Active Travel Fund – Back Hill

During the previous period of consultation, the following were identified as potential options to improve active travel in Ely.

- 1) Ely to Littleport - Active travel corridor
- 2) Ely Centre - 20mph speed limit zone
- 3) New Barns Road - Contraflow cycle lane
- 4) Brays Lane - Modal filter
- 5) Fore Hill - One-way system
- 6) Back Hill - One-way system
- 7) Broad Street - One-way system

Of the above schemes, Back Hill was selected for progression as it provides an opportunity to improve connectivity of existing cycle infrastructure, enhancing the corridor from the Ely Station to Ely centre / residential areas. Various options for Back Hill are considered and briefings for local members have been arranged for later this week.

## Council Structure

There are several different levels of local government within Cambridgeshire, and the following guide may of help.

<b>County Council</b>
Responsibilities: Education, Transport, Highways, Heritage, Social care, Libraries, Trading standards, Waste management, Maintaining their estate.
<b>District Council</b>
Responsibilities: Council tax payments and benefits, Household bin collections, Housing and housing benefits, Council leisure facilities, Environmental health, Residential planning
<b>Parish/ Community Council</b>
Responsibilities: Looking after community buildings, Open spaces, Allotments, Play Areas, Bus shelters
<b>Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP)</b>
Partnership between Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, University of Cambridge
<b>The Combined Authority, Cambridge and Peterborough, our elected Mayor. CPCA</b>
Responsibilities: Business support, skills, housing, transport strategy-liaising with Department of Transport, environment, international, digital connectivity, resilience, research and strategy.
<b>Police and Crime Commissioner, Cambridge and Peterborough</b>

To support and challenge the Chief Constable to provide effective and efficient policing services for the area.

**Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority**

Responsibilities: delivering a fire and rescue service to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It is made up of Cambridgeshire County Councillors and Peterborough City Councillors.

## Information:

**Report a Highways fault**

If you see a problem; blocked gully/ drain, pothole or other Highways issue please report it here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>

**Adult care assessment**

Call centre: [0345 045 5202](tel:03450455202) 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm on Saturday  
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/adults/organising-care-and-support/care-needs-assessment>

## Contact Details

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