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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD AT 7.05 PM ON MONDAY,  
17TH JUNE 2024 AT THE MALTINGS, SHIP LANE, ELY**

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

Cllr C Phillips, Mayor

Cllr R Trent

Cllr L Fox

Cllr K Holtzmann

*County Cllr P Coutts*

*1 member of the public*

Cllr R Ward

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr R Moss-Eccardt

Cllr M Banyard

Cllr D Warman

Cllr R Morgan

**1. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Novick, Ní Dhónaill, Denness and Wade. The reasons for their absences were accepted.

**2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were no requests for dispensations.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH APRIL 2024 AND MATTERS ARISING AND MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING AND MAYOR MAKING HELD ON THE 13TH MAY 2024 AND MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 15th May 2024 were proposed by Cllr Moss-Eccardt and seconded by Cllr Holtzmann as a correct record. This was unanimously agreed and signed as a true record. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096 and 2097 refer. There were no matters arising. Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting and Mayor Making held on the 13th May 2024 were proposed by Cllr Trent and seconded by Cllr Fox as a correct record. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101 and 2102. There were no matters arising.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman welcomed the two new councillors - Cllr Will Novick, although he was not present as unwell and Cllr Christine Whelan to their first Full Council meeting and said that they both brought skill sets and interests that would enhance the Council's work. He also commented on the resignation of Cllr Sue Austen, thanked her for her work over the years and asked colleagues to join him in wishing her well in her retirement. He said that councillors were already aware that the vacancy would be filled by co-option at the Full Council meeting in September and urged colleagues to encourage applications from members of the public who would bring new skills to the table and add to the diversity of the Council.

## **6. QUESTION TIME**

A member of the public congratulated Visit Ely on gaining access to the Bishop's Palace for tours. They had attended a performance of the Trials of Terror at the courthouse which they said had been excellent. They asked when the courthouse would be open to the public everyday offering a short tour of the building and asked if this had moved any further forward in trying to make it happen. Cllr Warman explained that more events were planned for Sessions House in the future, and more is being put on currently. However, logistically this service could not be provided at the moment. Cllr Holtzmann said that it was hoped to have a meeting with Ely Museum to discuss if they could work with the Council to also make use of the building.

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

A written report was received from County Cllrs Coutts and A Whelan. A copy of which will be attached to the minutes. A written report was received from District Cllr C Whelan and a copy of this will be attached to the minutes. District Cllrs Trent and Holtzmann had nothing further to report.

*The member of the public left the meeting at 7.15 pm.*

*County Cllr Coutts left the meeting at 7.16 pm.*

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

The Mayor had attended the Council's Civic Service at Ely Cathedral; opened the Eel Day Festival; attended Ely Sinfonia concert; the opening of Re-Imagine Resource Centre at Witchford Recycling Centre; attended Buckingham Palace Garden Party; the opening ceremony of the Sean Henry Exhibition at Ely Cathedral; the King's School Prizegiving Day; the Alconbury High School (USAF) Graduation Ceremony; the D-Day Commemorations at Ely War Memorial and Beacon lighting; the screening of 'The Two of Us' to mark Pride Month; Ely WI 40th Birthday celebration and Cambridgeshire Acre 100 years commemoration.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the Council's Civic Service; Army Engagement Reception at Peterborough; the opening of Re-Imagine Resource Centre at Witchford Recycling Centre; the D-Day Commemorations at Ely War Memorial and the Bishop's Garden Party.

## **9. PLANNING**

The Planning Committee Chairman gave a report on the planning meeting which had been held prior to this meeting.

## **10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

The following information only items were received and noted:-

Street Naming & Numbering:- Cartref, 7 Bishop Laney Drive, Ely; Ely Allotments and Gardens Association, 83B Lynn Road, Ely; Rosehip House, 60 Rosehip Chase, Ely

Notification of Street Closures:- temporary diversion of Ely footpath 41 to the north of the site land opposite roundabout (former Westmill Foods), Angel Drove, Ely – 06.06.24 – 05.12.24; A10 Cambridge Road, High Barns and New Barns Avenue, Ely for carriageway treatments – 01.07.24 – 31.12.25; New Barns Avenue for footway resurfacing works – 1.8 – 29.8.24

## 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE - Cllr Banyard presented a report of a meeting held on the 20th May 2024, which was unanimously approved. Cllr Novick had been appointed as the new Youth Lead. As there was an underspend on the grants budget of £4266 it will be recommended to Full Council to award this underspend to Ely Museum. Cllr Banyard proposed this be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Moss-Eccardt and unanimously approved. The applications for CIL funding were all approved; play equipment - £100,000, windows for the Maltings - £27,133 and stairlift for the Maltings - £14,934. ECDC have confirmed that funding for the Maltings from CIL will now be 100% instead of 20% subject to the project meeting the CIL criteria. Assets Committee will be requested to consider registering of the Maltings as a Community Asset. The Communications & PR Working Group need to discuss issues raised by this Committee at their next meeting. The annual review of the Council's policies and procedures was approved. The Internal Auditors report from their last visit on the 18th April 2024 was noted and there were no issues. Councillors unanimously approved the re-appointment of the independent internal auditor for the financial year 2024/25. The Committee unanimously agreed the Council should move to a .gov email and website. Cllr Banyard proposed this be approved by Full Council with the quote of £945 being accepted for the work by HBP Group to move the website and emails over. This was seconded by Cllr Moss-Eccardt and unanimously approved. It was agreed the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group should be reformed to investigate the direction and scope of moving forward with a Neighbourhood Plan and the production of a time line to deliver it. The Working Group will report back to the Committee so a recommendation can be made to Full Council on whether this process should move forward. The 'paperlite' trial will be undertaken at the next Climate & Environment Committee. Feedback will be considered at the next meeting of Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee. It was agreed a small group will look at options for replacing the Mayoral robe and chain. The sponsorship of the robes from the King's School will be accepted.

(ii) CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Holtzmann presented a report of a meeting held on the 11th June 2024, which was unanimously approved. The Climate Action Plan was recommended for approval by Full Council. Cllr Holtzmann proposed this be formally approved, which was seconded by Cllr Cllr Ross and unanimously approved. Cllr Holtzmann reported that a press release would be issued in July which would include a summary of the Plan and it was hoped to engage with the local community. The City of Ely Allotments and Gardens Association have confirmed that they are now happy to continue with the process to take ownership of the new allotments at Orchard Green. The CCTV update was noted. It was agreed a new bus shelter would be provided at Prickwillow and will be recommended for CIL funding.

(iii) ASSETS - Cllr Morgan presented a report of a meeting held on the 3rd June 2024, which was unanimously approved. It was agreed to undertake an inclusivity audit of the Council's play areas by PIPA. The audit will highlight elements of good practice and where provision falls short. This will then help with any refurbishments and design concepts in the future. It was unanimously agreed to move forward with applying to register the Maltings as a Community Asset. It was agreed to appoint Cllr Moss-Eccardt to undertake this. Mr M Chinery-Colyer was co-opted on to the Christmas Lights Working Group. It was agreed to apply for CIL funding for £3800 to sand and protect the Maltings hall floor. It was also agreed to apply for CIL funding of £50,000 for future projects for the Maltings, including the front doors.

(iv) TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE – Cllr Warman presented a report of a meeting held on the 10th June 2024 which was unanimously approved. An update on the services was noted. The Committee had discussed the Town Crier Competition which will take place at the Apple Day Festival in October. The Committee also felt that the words 'Town Centre' should be removed from the Committee's title and Mrs Bennett's job title. It was felt this was necessary as the Council has no power to make changes in the town centre. It was agreed to refer this to the Personnel, Finance & Governance Committee for further discussion. The digital boards were discussed and Mrs Bennett explained the background to these. Members thanked the Visit Ely team for such a good Eel Festival.

## 12. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Executive Review – members noted the notes of a meeting held on the 22nd April 2024.

Ely Ribe Association – members noted the notes of a meeting held on 23rd May 2024.

## 13. ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Cllr Banyard proposed the Annual Governance Statement, whereby the Council formally confirms it has maintained an adequate system of internal control throughout the financial year in accordance with Assertions 2 and 6 of the Governance Statement contained in Section 1 of the Annual Return be formally approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Accounting Statements 2023/2024 be approved and signed and the balance sheet for the year ended 31st March 2024 be approved and signed. This was seconded by Cllr Moss-Eccardt and unanimously approved. The Annual Governance Statement and the balance sheet were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. The Accounting Statement was signed by the Chairman.

## 14. FINANCE

Cllr Phillips proposed these all be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Morgan and unanimously approved.

### *Direct debit payments and BACS payments*

ECDC	299.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	2295.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	200.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	524.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	499.00	Paid by direct debit
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	452.40	Paid by direct debit
Bidfood Ltd	288.88	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	50.22	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	65.47	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	65.47	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	234.06	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	711.89	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	2896.76	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	440.90	Paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease	772.90	Paid by direct debit
Barclays	97.67	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	605.53	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	318.90	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	74.82	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	370.56	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	124.96	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	20.10	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	513.58	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	11577.14	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	376.61	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	540.98	Paid by direct debit
EE Ltd	102.24	Paid by direct debit
SSE Energy Supply Ltd	79.75	Paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	327.42	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	757.03	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	64.80	Paid by direct debit

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29th July 2024

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

TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	127.11	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	21.39	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	10837.78	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	8785.23	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	314.38	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	103.79	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	351.73	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	20.95	Paid by direct debit
Liquidline Ltd	402.89	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	1151.87	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	250.00	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	50.22	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	2444.06	Paid by direct debit
SSE Energy Supply Ltd	77.19	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
EE Ltd	102.24	Paid by direct debit
Barclays	79.56	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	2241.00	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	306.15	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	319.17	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	1551.62	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	65.47	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	65.47	Paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	328.17	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	319.25	Paid by direct debit
Bidfood Ltd	993.75	Paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease	772.90	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	74.82	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	64.80	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	9252.43	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	352.59	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	113.25	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	506.51	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd	21.48	Paid by direct debit
Brenda's Flowers	730.00	Paid by BACS
N & C Glass Ltd	10.52	Paid by BACS
Heelis & Lodge	350.00	Paid by BACS
Cambridge Art	1095.60	Paid by BACS
DTP Southfield	1372.32	Paid by BACS
S Bradley	350.00	Paid by BACS
We Are Blueshed Ltd	324.00	Paid by BACS
Latta Hire Ltd	236.16	Paid by BACS
Ely Museum	10000.00	Paid by BACS
Prepared Media Ltd	240.00	Paid by BACS
G & G Gallo Enterprises Ltd	827.34	Paid by BACS
G & G Gallo Enterprises Ltd	878.22	Paid by BACS
Shefs	969.00	Paid by BACS
E Long	56.55	Paid by BACS
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	454.10	Paid by BACS
RBK (Ely) Ltd	260.00	Paid by BACS
Thompson Media Partners Ltd	330.00	Paid by BACS

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

Shefs	3130.80	Paid by BACS
RGP Security Services Ltd	111.00	Paid by BACS
ATS Heritage Ltd	234.00	Paid by BACS
Ely Cathedral	840.00	Paid by BACS
S Bradley	350.00	Paid by BACS
We Are Blueshed Ltd	684.00	Paid by BACS
Studio Nova Ltd	36.00	Paid by BACS
Elyi Magazine	175.00	Paid by BACS
Aztek Services Ltd	325.50	Paid by BACS
P Utting-Brown	250.00	Paid by BACS
Securitas Security Services Ltd	607.50	Paid by BACS
LE Enterprices	1011.00	Paid by BACS
Grocer's Brokers Ltd	402.24	Paid by BACS
Mrs K M Evans	60.00	Paid by BACS
Mile Tree Brewery Ltd	281.81	Paid by BACS
CamAlarms Ltd	162.00	Paid by BACS
Human Capital Department	226.80	Paid by BACS
Destination UK Ltd	83.70	Paid by BACS
Rotary Clubs of Ely	48.00	Paid by BACS
Ellgia Ltd	168.11	Paid by BACS
RGP Security Services Ltd	621.60	Paid by BACS
Trade UK	302.50	Paid by BACS
S Aldridge	56.00	Paid by BACS
N Booth	377.85	Paid by BACS
Funk It Up Dance Group	75.00	Paid by BACS
N J Marketing Ltd	470.04	Paid by BACS
H Pettit	100.00	Paid by BACS
E R Copley	49.50	Paid by BACS
We Are Blueshed Ltd	180.00	Paid by BACS
1st Class Fire Protection Ltd	600.00	Paid by BACS
Glovers	252.00	Paid by BACS
CamAlarms Ltd	633.60	Paid by BACS
Speedy Asset Services Ltd	239.42	Paid by BACS
Cambridge Mobility Ltd	54.00	Paid by BACS
Newsquest Media Group Ltd	282.00	Paid by BACS
G & G Gallo Enterprises Ltd	795.77	Paid by BACS
RGP Security Services Ltd	210.90	Paid by BACS
OpenView Security Solutions Ltd	48352.92	Paid by BACS
Konica Minolta Bus Sols Ltd	338.70	Paid by BACS
Studio Nova Ltd	108.00	Paid by BACS
Splash & Dash Creations Ltd	1190.40	Paid by BACS
G & G Gallo Enterprises Ltd	856.70	Paid by BACS
Yandell Publishing Ltd	1088.64	Paid by BACS
Deltron Lifts Ltd	7168.32	Paid by BACS
ATS Heritage Ltd	234.00	Paid by BACS
Ely Cathedral	300.00	Paid by BACS
Shefs	1247.40	Paid by BACS
Everbrite Home Improvements Ltd	16280.00	Paid by BACS
LE Enterprices	560.00	Paid by BACS
John Wiley & Sons Ltd	147.72	Paid by BACS
The Cromwell Museum Trust	124.00	Paid by BACS
Mrs K Rowland	125.00	Paid by BACS

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

G & G Gallo Enterprises Ltd	536.51	Paid by BACS
Studio Nova Ltd	36.00	Paid by BACS
Ely Skip Hire Ltd	304.00	Paid by BACS
RGP Security Services Ltd	432.00	Paid by BACS
Shefs	1353.20	Paid by BACS
Fen Farm Supplies	8.82	Paid by BACS
CamAlarms Ltd	1424.10	Paid by BACS
Trade UK	158.48	Paid by BACS
R D Young	300.00	Paid by BACS
Wicken Coronation Band	250.00	Paid by BACS
Breckland Brass Band	250.00	Paid by BACS
Ellgia Ltd	407.12	Paid by BACS
S Bradley	350.00	Paid by BACS
The Wedding Secret Ltd	95.99	Paid by BACS
Konica Minolta Bus Sols Ltd	113.06	Paid by BACS
Greenworks Washrooms Ltd	1518.96	Paid by BACS
Human Capital Department	226.80	Paid by BACS
Ely Tool Hire Ltd	504.00	Paid by BACS
RHS Horticultural Services	5966.40	Paid by BACS
Studio Nova Ltd	60.00	Paid by BACS
Eden Farm Hulleys	430.84	Paid by BACS
R Ashman	250.00	Paid by BACS
Aztek Services Ltd	219.60	Paid by BACS

*The following invoices had already been paid prior to the meeting*

Harper Collins Publishers	197.33	114623
ICCM	100.00	114625
ESPO	1276.62	114626
Anglian Water	1132.58	114627
Two Bad Mice Publishers Ltd	238.32	114628
Gordon Harrison	1188.39	114629
G & J Peck Ltd	47.96	114630
Jewson Ltd	113.54	114631
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	53.77	114632
Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	990.00	114633
Konica Minolta Bus Sols Ltd	158.29	114634
ECDC	717.50	114635
A Reddick	39.99	114636
S Thompson	10.25	114637
CoolerAid Ltd	5.93	114638
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	27.55	114639
City Cycle Centre	36.42	114640
City of Cambridge Brass Band	250.00	114641
EDF Energy Customers Ltd	292.80	114642
ESPO	62.70	114643
Gordon Harrison	45.50	114644
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	627.70	114645
Jewson Ltd	996.46	114646
CAPALC	295.00	114647

**14. FINANCE CONTINUED .....***The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting*

G & J Peck Ltd	10.37	114648
Middle Fen & Mere IDB	162.54	114649
Poets House	24.80	114650
ECDC	300.00	114651
ECDC	8000.00	114651
Mr C Phillips	127.50	114652
City Cycle Centre	1.72	114653
Ey Folk Festival	400.00	114654
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	112.23	114655
Pen & Sword Books Ltd	506.65	114656
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	294.92	114657
HM Revenue & Customs	3924.15	Paid by BACS
ECDC	10630.92	114651
ECDC	8759.99	114651
Poets House	85.00	114650
Harper Collins Publishers Lt	100.06	114658
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	131.07	114659
David J Richards Ltd	334.08	Paid by BACS
V Rudkin	237.25	Paid by BACS
John Wiley & Sons Ltd	35.72	Paid by BACS
Thompson Media Partners Ltd	225.00	Paid by BACS
ESPO	163.84	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	129.11	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	359.38	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	206.75	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	87.72	Paid by direct debit
Harper Collins Publishers Ltd	61.56	114660
Ingram Publisher Services UK	32.97	Paid by BACS
British Telecommunications Ltd	50.22	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	810.23	Paid by direct debit
Abrey & Son Ltd	120.00	Paid by BACS
Openview Security Solutions Ltd	53766.83	114661
CoolerAid Ltd	49.20	114662
NPS Fencing & Countryside Management Ltd	3750.00	Paid by BACS
Miss Page & Mr Finch	50.81	Paid by BACS
Gordon Harrison	211.00	114664
Konica Minolta Bus Sols Ltd	137.96	114624

**Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 15th April 2024**

Salaries and wages	£37,068.90 (May)	£40,491.11 (June)
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£12,142.37	£10,866.50
Pension fund payments	£12,696.68	£12,116.87

Councillors noted and approved the bank reconciliations for the periods ending 30th April 2024 and 31st May 2024.

*The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.*



# Cllrs Piers Coutts and Alison Whelan

MONTHLY REPORT JUNE 2024

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A brief report this month, given that we are now in a General Election period and a number of council meetings have been moved to dates after 4 July.

## CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

### Ofsted report published

Cambridgeshire County Council's children's services have been graded overall as 'requires improvement' according to Ofsted—no change from the previous inspection. The report follows a recent inspection.

Inspectors said: "Senior leaders have now made an accurate self-assessment and have created strong foundations to drive practice improvement." However, inspectors said that although since 2019 there had been no overall improvement in services for vulnerable children, they acknowledged that "evidence of concrete and significant improvement in recent months had taken place."

They also added: "This improvement was initiated by a new chief executive and assisted by the appropriate decision to decouple shared leadership and service arrangements from Peterborough" and that "there has been significant political and corporate investment and commitment to the improvement of outcomes for children in Cambridgeshire."

The Council acknowledges that there is still work to be done.

Full Ofsted report at <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50247204>

## COMMUNITIES, SOCIAL MOBILITY & INCLUSION (COSMIC)

### Quality of Life survey

The County Council has launched its second annual quality of life survey for Cambridgeshire. 5,500 residents, 1,100 from each district, have been selected for a telephone survey as a representative sample. However, any resident can complete the survey online until Friday 19 July.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CambsQoL2024/>

## ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT

### Wisbech incinerator

Before Parliament was dissolved at the end of May, the Government lifted its temporary ban on the Environment Agency issuing operating licences for new incinerators. The Environment Agency issued an operating licence for the Wisbech incinerator the same day. We continue to wait to hear what is happening to Fenland District Council's application for judicial review of the Government's decision to grant planning permission.

## Envar incinerator at Woodhurst

The Planning Inspector's report on the appeal against the Council's refusal of this application has been sent to the Secretary of State for consideration. A decision is expected to be issued on or before 20 August 2024.

## Deposit return scheme

Also before Parliament was dissolved, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) confirmed that the Deposit Return Schemes for drinks containers will be introduced in October 2027, two years later than previously advised.

## FIRE AUTHORITY

### New chief fire officer recommended

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority Appointments Committee is recommending Matthew Warren as the new Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive Officer for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, following the retirement of Chris Strickland.

Matthew is currently Deputy Chief Executive for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service and has worked for the Service for over twenty years. Matthew joined in 2003 as Head of Finance, before becoming Director of Resources in 2009 and Deputy Chief Executive in 2015. He will be recommended to the full Fire Authority when it meets on Thursday 20 June.

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## Meanwhile on the Combined Authority

New bus routes and improvements to existing routes are on the way, paid for by the Mayor's Precept. Locally these will include an additional Ely Zipper between Sutton and Ely taking in villages in between. And a new service will operate between Ely and Longstanton Park & Ride, via Witchford, Sutton, Earith and Willingham.

A demand-responsive travel solution for rural areas across most of East Cambridgeshire is also being worked on. Development will focus on Isleham and Little Downham and wider communities.

We are delighted that significant moves are being made to improve bus provision locally—despite the Leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council voting against this when the Combined Authority Board was asked to approve the budget.

The routes still need to be procured and individual posters for each route will be released in the summer. The Combined Authority's web page on the bus proposals includes district-by-district explanations of the proposed routes, with maps. There's also a very quick survey to fill in—please do!

<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/better-buses/>

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## Cllrs Alison Whelan and Piers Coutts

County Councillors for Ely North and Ely South

**June 17th 2024**

**ECDC REPORT FOR CITY OF ELY COUNCIL by Cllr Christine Whelan**

The full council was on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May this was the Annual Council meeting where all the leaders, chairs and vice chairs were elected.

Mark Goldsack was nominated as Chair of the council and elected.

David Brown elected as Vice chair.

**Group leaders of the political parties:**

Conservatives - Anna Bailey (Leader) Julia Huffer (Deputy)

Liberal Democrats - Lorna Dupré (Leader) Charlotte Cane (Deputy)

Membership of committees and sub committees were also agreed.

The result of the District by election in Ely West was announced and Cllr Ross Trent was welcomed onto the District Council.

**The Chair made the following announcements:**

• Chair's Engagements

The Chair referred to the list of Chair's engagements for the year and declared that his policy was only to attend meetings that were of a real relevance to the residents of East Cambridgeshire. Highlights from the year included the Armistice/Remembrance Day at Ely Cathedral and events at the US RAF bases.

• Retirement of Tracy Couper, Democratic Services Manager the Chair expressed the Council's best wishes to Tracy on her retirement, thanked Tracy for her hard work and stated that she would be a loss to the Council. Tracy was presented a bouquet of flowers from all Members and all Members and Officers.

**Motions to the Council**

There were 3 motions presented to the council for discussion.

Two of these were passed and one defeated.

Full details of these motions can be found on the District Council website.

<https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/meetings/council-230524>

Questions were asked by members of the public. These were answered and where they couldn't be it was stated that a written answer would be given.

Questions were also asked by councillors to other councillors in the chamber.

Details of The Full Council meeting can be viewed on:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/4YYc2L9hejk>

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

The planning committee held on the 1<sup>st</sup> May considered one application in Ely for a TPO on the Birch tree in Broad Street. This was approved unanimously.

Operational Services meeting is planned for the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 4:30pm

Finance and Assets meeting is planned for the 27<sup>th</sup> June at 4:30pm

The full decisions of the meeting can be viewed on

<https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/meetings/council-230524>