

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT – JANUARY 2024
LONGSTANTON, NORTHSTOWE, OVER, OAKINGTON & WESTWICK

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FULL COUNCIL

Five motions from councillors were debated at the Cambridgeshire County Council full council meeting on 12 December. Four were passed, one was not.

1. Noting the crisis in adult social care caused by chronic Government underfunding to councils and asking officers to be ready to take advantage of any future change in Government policies. (Passed)
2. Asking the council's Communities, Social Mobility & Inclusion Committee to consider actions to ensure a more diverse council. (Passed)
3. Expressing concern at the lack of availability of NHS dentistry and committing to take action to address the problem. (Passed)
4. Complaining of confusion about highways consultations and wanting to consult all who could potentially be affected by changes to the highway. (Not passed)
5. Welcoming options for more flexible working and committing to promote these within the council and among local employers. (Passed)

STRATEGY RESOURCES & PERFORMANCE

Joint statement on 'Cambridge 2040' announcement

The Rt Hon Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, unveiled updated plans for the Government's 'Cambridge 2040' vision on Tuesday 19 December 2023. These include 'northwards' of 150,000 new homes around Cambridge as part of a major new expansion of the city.

The leaders of Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, and the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, said:

"Despite working hard to engage constructively with Government officials since the Secretary of State's initial Cambridge 2040 announcement in the summer, it's deeply disappointing that once again Government plans for Cambridge seem to be being negotiated through the press.

We note in the latest announcement that the number of new homes put forward by Rt Hon Michael Gove MP has come down from 250,000 to 150,000, but this is still substantially more than the over 50,000 homes we have identified as needed in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (to 2040)—a number which will already be incredibly challenging to bring forward. We are ambitious for high quality sustainable, green growth but can't stress enough how vital it is that Government supports us to tackle the issues that will otherwise act as roadblocks to sustainable growth.

We have written to the Secretary of State a number of times over the past month to stress the importance of committing to sustainable growth, and to reiterate the support that is needed to enable us to plan for the homes set out in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan.

This includes prioritising sustainable public transport, community infrastructure such as schools and GPs, and water shortages in this region, which are putting our chalk streams under extreme pressure—an issue which the Greater Cambridge Planning Service warned in January 2023 could delay existing plans for housebuilding if not addressed by Government. We are still waiting for responses to these questions which would detail how Government proposes to support us in delivering a proposed 50,000 or so homes responsibly, let alone 150,000.

Clarity is also needed as to who is involved in the 'Cambridge Delivery Group', what it will do, and how it will be governed. Devolution works best when local politicians are empowered to lead and deliver

sustainable development and we will continue to work hard to represent our residents and ensure that Cambridge and its surrounding villages grow in a sustainable and carefully planned way.”

Since the initial announcement in summer 2023 about the Government’s ‘Cambridge 2040’ plans, council leaders and officers have begun to explore the vision for Cambridge 2040 with Government officials.

Following a visit to Cambridge by the Secretary of State in November, leaders from Cambridgeshire County, Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District councils, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, the Greater Cambridge Partnership, and local business wrote to urge Government to make a number of commitments—including water supply and transport— necessary to support sustainable growth in and around Cambridge.

£368,000 to help council respond to major projects

A successful bid to Government means an additional £368,000 to help the council respond to proposals for major infrastructure in Cambridgeshire.

The money will help support the council with the administration of Development Consent Orders (DCO) for schemes like East West Rail, the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet upgrade, and the Fenland Reservoir, as well as other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). £268,000 will bring in extra technical and specialist resource, and a further £100,000 will enable work across all these types of projects.

Consultation begins on budget proposals

Consultation is to begin on the council’s proposals for its 2024/5 budget, in what is being called ‘the toughest year to set a balanced council budget’.

The Government’s one-year Local Government Financial Settlement announced last month does not compensate for the levels of demand and inflation that the council is faced with, particularly in areas such as children’s social care, home to school transport and provision for children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities. A fair funding review for local councils promised by the Government has never materialised. And all local authorities face significant financial uncertainties as a consequence.

The council is looking to support vulnerable people and improve highways maintenance, while still seeking to bridge a remaining £2M gap—even with a proposed council tax rise of 4.99 per cent (two per cent for adult social care services, and 2.99 per cent for general services).

The Strategy, Resources & Performance Committee received and considered draft budget proposals at its meeting on Tuesday 19 December. The council’s service committees will consider these at their various meetings in January. An online public survey has been launched and is open until Tuesday 16 January <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/budget-consultation-2024-5>

The Strategy, Resources & Performance Committee will make a final budget recommendation at its meeting on Tuesday 30 January for Full Council to debate on Tuesday 13 February.

The draft proposals have been shaped by views gathered in the council’s first Quality of Life Survey conducted over the summer. They focus on sustaining social services, continuing to provide free school meal vouchers for eligible children during holidays, progressing the council’s commitment to pay the real living wage to people providing adult social care, and prioritising highways and cycleways maintenance across the county.

Potential savings have been identified to help bridge the funding gap. These include

- Moving to LED streetlights (£1M in energy savings each year)
- Rationalising office accommodation (£1.5M in the next three years)
- Reviewing the highest cost children’s placement costs, and home to school transport routes (more than £2M)
- Driving down the amount of bad debt (£0.5M)
- Reviewing income from permits and parking charges (Just under £1M)

ADULTS & HEALTH

Covid

Covid is far from over— with many residents reporting that they have contracted covid over the festive season. Our EU neighbours now seem to be able to purchase over-the-counter or online multi-tests which test for covid, flu, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) on a single test cassette. We’ve asked the Director of Public Health what the hold-up is in making these available in the UK.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccination information at www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations%20

Preventing Falls

Falls and related injuries are a common and significant problem for older adults and a major public health issue. Falls are a major cause of disability and injuryrelated death in people aged 75 and over, and have a large impact on quality of life—and as our population ages, this will become even more of an issue.

Around one in three people over 65 years old and half of those over 80 experience a fall at least once a year. In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in 2022/23, there were 2,699 emergency admissions due to falls and 1,015 admissions due to a hip fracture. The estimated combined total cost of these hospital admissions was £16.3M, an increase of over £1.9M on the previous year. These costs do not include wider health and social care costs such as primary care, ambulance, or adult social care costs.

Cambridgeshire County Council’s Adults and Health Committee has endorsed a three-year Falls Prevention Strategy and detailed delivery plan, working with a multi-agency Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Falls Prevention Strategy Group.

The strategy includes a number of interventions that have been shown to be effective at preventing some falls and fractures, and its intended outcome is a reduction in the rate of hip fracture admissions, and an improvement to the quality of life of older adults who experience a fall or fracture.

COSMIC

Supermarket voucher scheme continues in Christmas holiday

The council’s supermarket voucher scheme continued to operate in the Christmas school holiday for all eligible families in Cambridgeshire. The scheme will run until the February 2024 half term, using the Household Support Fund from the Department for Work & Pensions topped up with additional funding provided by the council.

Over 20,000 vouchers were claimed in the October half term alone. Over seventy per cent of families said the vouchers had helped them cope with the rising cost of living. More than half said the scheme had reduced the need for them to seek other sources of support in the school holidays such as food banks.

Total spend in the October half term week was £317,000, with this expected to more than double to £660,000 in the two-week Christmas holiday. In addition to the holiday voucher scheme, there is further support available in response to the cost of living.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/support-with-the-cost-of-living>

Libraries offer a helping hand to stay connected this winter

A successful pilot scheme offering free mobile SIM cards to those unable to afford internet access is now available in eleven of Cambridgeshire’s libraries. Cambridgeshire Libraries have signed up to the National Databank, an initiative run by Good Things Foundation which provides free mobile SIM cards to anyone over the age of 18 who is on a low income. The SIM cards are donated to the National Databank by Virgin Media, O2, Vodafone and Three. They are then supplied to members of the National Digital Inclusion Network, including the eleven Cambridgeshire libraries, to be passed on to those in need of data. Our nearby libraries are: Willingham, Bar Hill, Cottenham and Histon.

Life-saving defibrillators installed at thirteen council sites

Life-saving automated external defibrillators have been installed at thirteen county council offices for use by local communities as well as county council staff and visitors. The council purchased the units, but all installations were carried out free of charge by the county council's maintenance contractor GSH as part of their commitment to support social value in Cambridgeshire.

Please note that Northstowe Foodies has funded the new defibrillator at the Sports Pavilion.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Safe walking routes to school to be reviewed

A review of safe walking routes to and from school will take place in a bid to improve the health of young people and make effective use of the Council's resources.

Cambridgeshire County Council's Children and Young People's Committee agreed today (November 28) to undertake the review and bring the results to the committee's meeting in March next year.

Addressing childhood obesity is seen as one of the most pressing Public Health issues. In Cambridgeshire around 19% of Reception children have an unhealthy weight, and this increases to around 32% in Year 6. Active travel encourages children and their families to be more active, leading not only to a healthy weight but also contributing to their general overall fitness.

In line with the Council's agenda to promote active travel the Council has identified 10 routes that are currently assessed as unsafe for walking, but which could potentially be made safe with further investment and assessment. This could include landscaping, zebra crossings and increased lighting.

Reducing the number of unsafe routes would also contribute to other targets, such as reducing the number of vehicles on the road and promoting independent travel for children and young people, as well as a general improvement to the pedestrian network in Cambridgeshire. A further review of all routes currently deemed unsafe may identify further opportunities for effective investment.

Meanwhile, the volunteer driver scheme has been very successful, both for members of the public and council staff. This offers volunteers who have the appropriate DBS checks and insurance in place the opportunity to undertake school trips and be paid mileage. Further details of the scheme can be found here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/school-transport/volunteer-for-the-passenger-transport-service>.

ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT

Network Rail signs up to County Council biodiversity site

Network Rail is the first investor in the council's pioneering biodiversity and habitat restoration scheme at Lower Valley Farm in Fulbourn. Arable land is being transformed into a one-of-a-kind 345-acre biodiversity net gain site. Council land there will be used to replace habitat lost due to construction of the new Cambridge South railway station at Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

From January 2024, legislation comes into effect requiring new developments in England to not only provide for nature lost as part of works but to achieve a minimum biodiversity net gain of 10%. As part of the Cambridge South Infrastructure Enhancement scheme, Network Rail has purchased 65 biodiversity units at the Fulbourn site to create an environmental legacy that will complement their creation of Hobson's Park on the Campus.

The Lower Valley Biodiversity Site is part of the council's commitment to a greener Cambridgeshire and helps tackle the ongoing country-wide nature crisis. It also supports the council's aim to become a net zero county by 2045, five years ahead of national targets.

Change to access at Royston and Thriplow recycling centres

Change to access at Royston and Thriplow recycling centres Cambridgeshire residents now need to apply for a digital permit to use Royston Household Recycling Centre in Hertfordshire. The change comes following the announcement last year that Hertfordshire County Council would be adopting a policy restricting access to non-residents at Hertfordshire’s network of sixteen recycling centres.

However, the county council has reached an agreement with Hertfordshire County Council that enables continued cross-border access to Royston Household Recycling Centre for Cambridgeshire residents living close to the county boundary, whilst allowing Hertfordshire residents access to Thriplow Household Recycling Centre in South Cambridgeshire.

Resident-only policies are becoming increasingly common across the region and indeed the country, with many neighbouring counties having had this policy in place for some time.

Sunnica further delay

A decision on the Sunnica application for a large solar farm spanning East Cambridgeshire and West Suffolk has already been postponed from September to December. It has now been postponed again, to Thursday 7 March. This may mean no decision this side of a General Election.

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

Local Highways Improvement Applications (LHI)

The window for Local Highways Improvement applications is now open, and will remain so until **5:00PM on Friday 12 January 2024**.

More information can be found on the Council’s website at

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-the-local-highway/local-highway-improvement-funding/applying-for-a-local-highway-improvement-lhi

The status of schemes currently in delivery can be found at

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-the-local-highway/local-highway-improvement-funding/local-highway-improvement-delivery-programme>

Over the course of the application window officers have arranged a drop-in session for applicants with any questions. This will take place on **Friday 5 January 2024, 10:30AM—12:00noon**. If you are an applicant parish council, please contact the relevant County Council officers to confirm your attendance.

New Highways maintenance way of working

From April, highways maintenance jobs will be signed off and coordinated by specialist teams rather than Local Highways Officers, though our LHOs will act as intermediaries to keep specialist teams informed of local needs and priorities. Specialist teams will deal with signs, lines, road surface treatment, path treatment and gullies. Teams have formed in anticipation, and we are all getting familiar with new ways of working. Please bear with – and we will do our best to work with parish councils to make the transition. Please keep reporting.

Regularizing gully clearing

Shocking as it may seem, prior to the 2021 County Council Joint Administration, there was no systematic recording and care of gully maintenance. As part of a massive overhaul of Highways maintenance systems, within a context of managed decline legacy and a visibly deteriorating network, highways maintenance is transitioning to a more professional and accountable system, though resource remains very stretched and need very high. On gullies: the first step has been to map all the gullies, know where they are and record them on a proper system ('KarbonTech'). An initial program has been put in place to make sure all gullies are cleared every two years. We’re now recording data with each of those cleans on if the gully was full and needed clearing or not. The next step is to put that together and adopt a smarter gully cleaning regime. Not all gullies need to be emptied every two years, but some will need much more routine work. Key is to build up the data and be smart about where scarce resource is deployed. All parish clerks should now be receiving cyclical gully clearance. Please keep reporting.

Electric Vehicle charging

An estimated 10,000 public electric vehicle charge point sockets will be needed across Cambridgeshire by 2030, as motorists choose electric vehicles over more polluting petrol and diesel cars. The sale of new petrol and diesel cars is set to be banned by government from 2035.

Using up to £5M in Local Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) funding, the council is working with the Combined Authority on how to meet this need, with fewer than 500 public charge points currently installed. Officers will develop a plan informed by technical mapping and seek public engagement to find suitable charge point locations. They will report back to the Highways and Transport committee in March, prior to a decision by the Environment and Green Investment Committee later in 2024.

Civil parking enforcement starts in South Cambridgeshire

New Civil Parking Enforcement powers are now in effect across South Cambridgeshire following a decision by Government. Drivers are now far more likely to receive a fine for parking incorrectly where there are restrictions, such as on single or double yellow lines.

Traffic Management Centre (TMC)

The TMC responded to 144 incidents on the road network throughout Cambridgeshire in November covering 22 weekdays. This is an increase to October's figure however a decrease to that of November 2022. Please see the table below which illustrates the number of incidents over the last 6 months, compared to the same period last year;

Incidents by month/year

	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
2022	97	76	76	112	88	207
2023	109	68	61	103	109	144

Cambridgeshire Matters Newsletter

Cambridgeshire Matters is Cambridgeshire County Council's monthly newsletter which aims to share good news, highlights and updates from across Cambridgeshire to help our network of district, city and community members stay informed.

Find out about the great work that is taking place to support everyone in the county.

[Cambridgeshire Matters - November 2023 \(govdelivery.com\)](https://govdelivery.com)

Cambridgeshire becomes first County Council to achieve Silver employers' award

Cambridgeshire has become the first County Council to be awarded 'Silver' membership of The 5% Club's 2023-24 Employer Audit Scheme. This award recognises the Council's significant contribution to the continued development of all its employees through "earn and learn" schemes such as Apprenticeships, Graduate Development Programmes and Sponsored Student Course Placements.

With a workforce of around 4,600 people and with many roles in areas where there are national skills shortages – such as social care staff and engineering – the council continues to explore all opportunities to attract a committed and skilled workforce to deliver its vision to build a greener, fairer and more caring Cambridgeshire.

With a membership which now exceeds 900 companies, The 5% Club represents over 1.6 million Employees, 101,000 of whom are in "earn and learn" schemes. The Employer Audit is a unique scheme which validates the employers' activities, explores their future plans and commitments, as well as examining their approaches to quality, social mobility, diversity and inclusion.

From an impressive list of 180 members, Cambridgeshire was one of just 22 Employers who met the Silver Standard

Meanwhile on the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA)

Despite the Code of Conduct complaint against Mayor Nik Johnson having been resolved – the report can be found at the Combined Authority Board on 29th November and is publicly accessible at: [Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](https://document.ashx(cmis.uk.com)), the leaders of East Cambridgeshire and Fenland district councils are continuing to make accusations against the Mayor which are not based on any information which is in the public domain. It has been reported that Mayor Johnson is now initiating a Code of Conduct complaint against Cllr Anna Bailey over her behaviour in this matter.

MEETINGS ATTENDED and COMMUNITY WORK 4 December to 31 December 2023

Local meetings:

Homes England Community Engagement and Social Value Strategy for Northstowe feedback session (5 Dec), Over meeting re: The Lanes (11 Dec), Oakington & Westwick Parish Council meeting (11 Dec), Over Parish Council meeting (12 Dec), Northstowe Support Partnership meeting (14 Dec), Northstowe Town Council (19 Dec).

Council meetings:

Member Briefing on NHS support to people with learning disabilities (4 Dec recording), Full Council meeting (12 Dec), Transport meeting with CCC (19 Dec), CPCA briefing on buses (20 Dec), Cambridgeshire Music meeting (20 Dec).

Community work:

Pathfinder Church Beers & Carols (15 Dec)

Parish/Town Council monthly reports, Column write ups within Northstowe News, Oakington & Westwick Journal and Over News online magazine, Northstowe Town Council Market Working Group – promoting on social media and volunteering, Northstowe Foodies.

Private case work:

Most Councillors will have private case work that they are dealing with, details of which cannot be shared due to GDPR – current themes are Bar Hill Asylum Seekers, Homelessness, Early Years, Harassment, Property as-set and Highways.

WARD NEWS

HIGHWAYS

New Local Team

Local Highways Officer: Neal Stephens

Local Highways Officer: Aaron Boddington

Quarterly Highways meetings 2024 dates

Friday 26 January 12noon – 1.30pm

Friday 26 April 12noon – 1.30pm

Friday 12 July 12noon – 1.30pm

Friday 1 November 12noon – 1.30pm

B1050 Hattons Road Bridge (flyover the A1307)

Pleased to report that a TTRO (24-209) has been circulated for 9-12 February, for works to be carried out overnight 20:30 – 06:00 Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This will be to fix the bumps on the B1050 Hattons Road as they are desperately needed. This is a temporary fix.

For the permanent fix the County Council is still working with National Highways to understand if the failures for the flyover/bridges across the A14 corridor.

B1050 Cones

Pleased to report that Homes England have removed the cones on the lead up to B1050 roundabout. There are still cones placed on the end of the footpath from the roundabout to B1050.

County Council agrees way ahead for A14 & Northstowe archaeological finds display

A meeting was due to take place on 30 November, but unfortunately Quinton Carroll, CCC officer was unwell, and it had to be cancelled, once he returns to work (estimated mid-January), a new timing will be put in the diary.

NORTHSTOWE Road Gritting – roads not adopted by CCC

It has been reported by a few residents that Ramper Road – from Rampton Drift to Northstowe has been slippery during December when the weather had reached low temperature, this route is currently not on the gritting route and I have asked the resident to write to Northstowe Town Council, as they could apply for salt bins for the road, not sure if salt containers are already available in Rampton Drift.

Gritting map is below for the county for our primary and secondary routes:

[Gritting roads, cycleways and paths - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Details for Grit Bins can be found below:

[Help with gritting and clearing snow - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Gulley Cleaning

I have been notified that gulley cleaning has been completed in Over, and awaiting confirmation for Longstanton and Oakington & Westwick.

LONGSTANTON

- Highways – the trench outside of the Mitchcroft Road was filled on 20 December and I have been directly liaising with the resident on the corner of Mitchcroft Road and High Street.
- 20mph funding – on 14 December Highways Officer gave feedback to the previous application that was submitted, hopefully this guidance will help your new application. Application window opens on **15 January 2024 and closes on Friday 15 March 2024 at 5pm.**
[20mph Funding - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

NORTHSTOWE

- Northstowe Education Campus – Nursery
A survey closed at the end of 2023 to seek views on the kind of nursery and pre-school services parents/ carers desire for their children, at the time of writing in December we had over 90 responses to the survey. The next action would be to go out to tender for a provider using the Council's Pseudo Dynamic Purchasing System, to see who would be interested in bidding for this opportunity. An update will be provided at the Northstowe Forum on 24 January.
- Heron Road (Vistry) vehicles parked reducing visibility on the corner – it seems that the first letter from Vistry to the resident with the 5 cars, has made a difference, they are no longer parking on verges/pavements so that residents with prams/wheelchairs can get by. But where they are parking is still reducing visibility as you turn the corner. Following my email to Vistry to raise this again, they are now waiting for photos from the resident. Town Clerk – Mark Nokkert is copied in all emails.

OAKINGTON AND WESTWICK

- Bus route to Impington Village College - the 3 landowners did cut back their vegetation, bus company has informed the students that they will be stopping at the bus stop from 11 December and advised the Dry Drayton students that they would be picked up earlier. School also sent out a communication to inform all parents on Friday, the email has been shared with me by a fellow County Councillor.
- The Drift pavement, although we were all very pleased to see that this pavement was finally resurfaced, following a conversation with Neal Stephens, Local Highways Officer on the week before Christmas, it seems that he is not happy with the works (also pointed out by Chair – Cllr David Reeves at December PC meeting), Neal is liaising with his line manager and the contractor.
- LHI works 24/25 confirmed for Oakington & Westwick and Girton – the Active Travel team have confirmed that they will be using some of the remaining Northstowe Phase 2 funding to cover the 'gap' in the LHI, to ensure the traffic calming measures and street lighting continue all the way along both Oakington Road and Cambridge Road, including past the junction.
- TTROs (24-205 and 24-206) have been circulated for Dry Drayton Road, I have emailed the Highways team to find out a few more details on the exact works and if it is one side only. I assume that pre-works will be carried out in advance of the summer, as surface dressing will need to take place in the warmer months.

OVER

- I have worked with Cllr Judith Davies and Parish Clerk Emily Pacey and have given feedback on the LHI application for Overcoate Road.
- I have been liaising with an Over resident with regards to an issue over their land which is close to County land. The county officers are liaising with the residents following a meeting I had with them in December.
- Gritting query for both Kings Street and Mill Road was raised by a resident, they are on the secondary routes, as per the link below. The secondary routes for the winter maintenance gritting are based on a forecast where the road surface temperatures over the coming days do not go above freezing through the day, and it is therefore envisaged that these secondary roads would naturally thaw before resources become available.
[Gritting roads, cycleways and paths - Cambridgeshire County Council](#), please go to the map and zoom in.

COUNCILS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND KEY GOVERNMENT FUNDED ORGANISATIONS

If you have a problem or concern do not worry too much about who can solve it just ask the question and we will endeavour to signpost to the right person. The organisational structure of Cambridgeshire is complex, but it is important to identify where responsibility lies.

<p>County Council</p> <p>Responsibilities: Education, Transport, Highways, Heritage, Social care, Libraries, Trading standards, - Waste management, Maintaining their estate.</p> <p>Some of these services are shared between Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council but any concerns should be directed to the county council.</p>
<p>District Council</p> <p>Responsibilities: Council tax payments and benefits, Household bin collections, Housing and housing benefits, Council leisure facilities, Environmental health, Residential planning.</p>
<p>Parish/ Town Council</p> <p>Responsibilities: Looking after community buildings, Open spaces, Allotments, Play Areas, Bus shelters.</p>
<p>Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP)</p> <p>'The local delivery body for a City Deal with central Government worth up to £500 million over 15 years, to vital improvements in infrastructure (decarbonising transport), supporting and accelerating the creation of 44,000 new jobs, 33,500 new homes and 420 additional apprenticeships.'</p> <p>Partnership between Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, University of Cambridge.</p>
<p>The Combined Authority, Cambridge and Peterborough, our elected Mayor</p> <p>'A combined authority (CA) is a legal body set up using national legislation that enables a group of two or more councils to collaborate and take collective decisions across council boundaries.'</p> <p>What our mayor does – Business support, skills, housing, transport, environment, international, digital connectivity, resilience, research, and strategy. New homes.</p>
<p>Police and Crime Commissioner, Cambridge and Peterborough</p> <p>To support and challenge the Chief Constable to provide effective and efficient policing services for the area.</p>
<p>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority</p> <p>The Fire Authority is the governing body responsible for delivering a fire and rescue service to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It is made up of Cambridgeshire County Councillors and Peterborough City Councillors.</p>

CONTACT DETAILS

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the above, or any other matters.

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For those on social media we have highly active Facebook groups:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2066298150052161/> - Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe

<https://www.facebook.com/libdems3rdMay18> - Over & Willingham