



East Cambridgeshire  
District Council

# Corporate actions

## July 2024 to July 2025

### Sound financial management

#### Priorities

- Ensure the Council is financially sustainable.
- Minimise the financial (cost) impact of the Council on its residents.
- Be more commercial, but within reason - 'commercial for community'.

#### Actions

- Council to approve the 2025/26 budget and Medium Term Financial Plan in February 2025 only increasing Council Tax as a last resort.
- Implement the outcomes of the planning review and commence Phase 2 of the review.

### Cleaner, greener East Cambridgeshire

#### Priorities

- Improve the public realm.
- Reduce environmental crime across the district.
- Enhance the natural environment and build on our sustainability goals.
- Design a resilient waste and street cleansing service fit for the future.

#### Actions

- Improve the look and feel of the city and town centres, including replacement street furniture.
- Deliver the Climate and Nature Top 20 actions for 2024 including a focus on water resilience, further nature improvements in our parks and open spaces, and hedgehog recovery projects.
- Implementation of the new waste and street cleansing strategy.
- Strategic review of long-term waste infrastructure needs.

### Sustainable communities

#### Priorities

- Support our residents to live happy and healthy lives.
- Support our businesses to thrive in East Cambridgeshire.
- Improve our roads and local transport.
- Deliver genuinely affordable housing that enables people to live and work locally.
- Invest in community infrastructure.

#### Actions

- Launch Digital Inclusion project to provide people facing digital exclusion with training and support, which will enable them to get online with confidence and in safety.
- Develop a new council website with improved functionality
- Work with partners to deliver the actions in the council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- Develop and approve a Housing and Homelessness Strategy - a new overarching strategy with an action plan to deliver safe, affordable and high-quality housing for residents.
- Delivery of the Bereavement Centre at Mepal for 2026.
- Carry out an independent inclusivity audit of council owned play spaces and invite parish councils to submit their play areas for inclusion in the audit.
- Develop an Inclusive Play Strategy.
- Continue to engage with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) Bus Reform and Bus Network Review.
- Work with CPCA and partners to deliver improvements to active travel, road and rail infrastructure, including the BP Witchford Road Non-Motorised User (NMU) Access Study, A10 Ely to A14 improvements scheme, support local rail improvements including Soham Railway Station phase 2 and champion improvements and repairs to East Cambridgeshire roads.
- Continue to support Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Road Safety Police Volunteer scheme.
- Continue to support existing Community Land Trusts (CLTs) across the district and work with communities to establish and develop new CLTs.

