



Communities and Partnerships half year report 2025 to 2026

Performance measure	Target and reporting timescale	Half year update
Deliver the team's actions for 2025-26 in the Council's Community Engagement Action Plan, including the delivery of 1 parish council conference by 31 March 2026, update the council's Community Engagement Toolkit by 31 December 2025; map agencies already engaging with harder to reach groups so that utilise them as a means of engaging with that group by 31 December 2025; and carry out quarterly detached youth engagement.	Deliver 1 parish council conference by 31 March 2026 Update Community Engagement Toolkit by 31 December 2025 Map agencies by 31 December 2025 Carry out quarterly youth engagement	Target On Track Examples of work carried out: A variety of community events have been attended by Council officers, to carry out engagement with the public, including but not limited to the Health and Well Fair in Soham and Sanctuary's Haddenham Community Day. Parish Council Conference planned for 12 February 2026. Detached youth work has taken place in Ely. Feedback received from young people was passed onto the relevant agencies for them to consider and address. Consultation to inform the updating of the Community Engagement Toolkit has been carried out.
Promote the revamped Register of Consultees internally and externally with the aim of increasing sign-up	100%, 31 March 2026	Target On Track The revamped Register of Consultees has been promoted at community events including this summer's 2 Youth Fusion events, and the Health and Well Fair; to community groups and parish councils at the Parish and Community Forum; and to ECDC officers, encouraging them to promote the Register.

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		ECDC Register of Consultees webpages have been updated to reflect the changes. ECDC Communications team have been asked to promote the Register externally, where appropriate. New Register of Consultee Toolkit has been promoted to ECDC officers.
Support the work of the East Cambs Community Safety Partnership (CSP) by delivering the team's actions in the CSP Action Plan 2024-25 by June 2025; and delivering the team's actions in the CSP Action Plan 2025-26 by March 2026; and oversee the Council's compliance with community safety statutory requirements.	100% of all the team's actions in the CSP Action Plan 2024-25 completed by 30 June 2025. 100% of all the team's actions in the CSP Action Plan 2025-26 completed by 30 June 2026.	Target On Track CSP Action Plan agreed by CSP Board in June 2025. Examples of work carried out: 3 CSP court experience events delivered to students from VISTA in May 2025, Witchford Village College in June 2025, and Bottisham Village College in September 2025. Phase 2 of the multiagency street art project in Ely completed in August 2025. Officers are supporting the CSP to address matters identified by the CCC youth survey; work includes delivering hate crime awareness to secondary schools. ECDC officers represented the CSP at community events, including the Youth Fusion events in Isleham and Ely, and supported the Sanctuary Community Day in Haddenham.
Management of Section 106, Community Fund and Facilities Improvement Grant Schemes in accordance with specific grant timescales and hold 2 grant	As determined by specific grant schemes, and review and update grant guidance documentation	Target On Track Grant enquiries answered and assistance given to parish councils and community groups regarding potential applications.

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Community Fund application windows during 2025-26	by 31 March 2026.	6 Community Fund grants awarded. 1 Section 106 grants awarded. 1 Facilities Improvement Grants awarded. Funding opportunities proactively promoted.
Implement the recommendations of the Digital Marketing Strategy for Explore East Cambs during 2025-26, including management of new social media platforms	100%, 31 March 2026	Target On Track New blog posts and itineraries uploaded onto site monthly. Social media channels established and managed externally.
Deliver 2 East Cambs Youth Fusion events by 31 March 2026; and develop a youth events toolkit to assist parish councils run their own youth events	2 events delivered by 31 March 2026 Toolkit developed by 31 May 2025	Target Completed 2 Youth Fusion events delivered in Isleham and Ely in summer 2025; and youth events toolkit developed and shared with parish councils and relevant local groups.
Deliver the team's actions for 2025-26 in the Council's Vulnerable Community Action Plan, including the management of SLAs in accordance with SLA timescales; and directly engage with members of vulnerable communities to inform the updating of the council's Vulnerable Communities Signposting Toolkit by 31 March 2026.	100%, 31 March 2026	Target On Track Consultation to inform the updating of the Vulnerable Communities Directory carried out. SLAs monitored in accordance with SLA requirements. Officers supported the delivery of the CSP Action Plan.
Review the grant to VCAEC by 31 March 2026	31 March 2026	Target On Track Review of SLA underway and procurement documentation issued.

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Regularly review higher level corporate risks, including: - Assets of Community Value applications managed in accordance with Localism Act statutory obligations - mooring enforcement compliant with the Council's contract law enforcement processes - grants and agreements managed in accordance with procedures - adherence with community safety related statutory duties	Review quarterly Review of Assets of Community Value protocol and appendices to be completed by 31 August 2025	Target On Track ECDC Community Safety Statutory Duty Audit completed. An ECDC Prevent Action Plan has been agreed by CMT is and is being implemented. Annual review of Assets of Community Value protocol and appendices completed in August 2025. Annual Assurance Statement completed and returned to internal audit team in May 2025. The Assurance Statement is a self-assessment of the systems of internal control within the service and provides an evaluation of the effectiveness of procedures, systems and controls and, highlights actions intended to address any areas for improvement. Higher level corporate risks reviewed quarterly.
Reduce our paper usage within the service by 10%	10% reduction by 31 March 2026	Target On Track Reduction of 54.08% achieved