



# East Cambridgeshire District Council

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## Meeting: Finance & Assets Committee

Time: 4:30pm

Date: Thursday 29 January 2026

Venue: Council Chamber, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE

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## Committee membership

**Quorum:** 5 members

### Conservative members

Cllr Anna Bailey  
Cllr Ian Bovingdon (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Mark Goldsack  
Cllr Bill Hunt  
Cllr David Miller  
Cllr Alan Sharp (Chair)

### Conservative substitutes

Cllr Lavinia Edwards  
Cllr Martin Goodearl  
Cllr Julia Huffer

### Liberal Democrat & Independent members

Cllr Chika Akinwale  
Cllr Lee Denney  
Cllr John Trapp  
Cllr Mary Wade  
Cllr Alison Whelan (Lead Member)  
Cllr Christine Whelan

### Liberal Democrat & Independent substitutes

Cllr Charlotte Cane  
Cllr Christine Colbert  
Cllr Kathrin Holtzmann

**Lead Officer:** Sally Bonnett, Director Community

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## Agenda

- 1. Public question time** **[oral]**  
The meeting will commence with up to 15 minutes of public question time.
- 2. Apologies and substitutions** **[oral]**
- 3. Declarations of interests** **[oral]**  
To receive declarations of interests from Members for any items on the agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.

- 4. Minutes**  
To confirm as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Assets Committee held on 27 November 2025 **Page 5**
- 5. Chair's Announcements** **[oral]**
- 6. East Cambridgeshire Biodiversity Report** **Page 13**
- 7. Asset Update Report** **Page 39**
- 8. Bereavement Centre Update** **Page 43**
- 9. 2026/27 Annual Treasury Management Strategy** **Page 47**
- 10. Revenue Budget 2026/27** **Page 87**
- 11. Q3 Finance Report** **Page 143**
- 12. Hive Contract Extension (EXEMPT APPENDICES)** **Page 167 & 177**
- 13. Outside Bodies - Waterbeach IDB Report** **Page 171**
- 14. Forward Agenda Plan** **Page 173**
- 15. Exclusion of the public, including representatives of the press**  
That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the remaining items because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Categories 1 and 3 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
- 16. EXEMPT – Appointments, Transfers and Resignations** **Page 179**
- 17. EXEMPT Minutes – 27 November 2025** **Page 187**  
To confirm as a correct record the Exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Assets Committee held on 27 November 2025

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2. Public Questions/Statements are welcomed on any topic related to the Committee’s functions as long as there is no suspicion that it is improper (for example, offensive, slanderous or might lead to disclosures of Exempt or Confidential information). Up to 15 minutes is allocated for this at the start of the meeting.

[Further details about the Public Question Time scheme](#)  
([www.eastcambs.gov.uk/committees/public-question-time-scheme](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/committees/public-question-time-scheme)).

3. The Council has adopted a ‘Purge on Plastics’ strategy and is working towards the removal of all consumer single-use plastics in our workplace. Therefore, we do not provide disposable cups in our building or at our meetings and ask members of the public to bring their own drinks if required.
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  - If the fire alarm sounds, please make your way out of the building by the nearest available exit, which is usually the back staircase or the fire escape in the Chamber and do not attempt to use the lifts
  - The fire assembly point is in the front staff car park by the exit barrier
  - The building has an auto-call system to the fire services, so there is no need for anyone to call the fire services

The Committee Officer will sweep the area to ensure that everyone is out.

5. Reports are attached for each agenda item unless marked “oral”.
6. If required, all items on the agenda can be provided in different formats (such as large type, Braille or audio tape, or translated into other languages), on request, by calling the main reception on (01353) 665555 or e-mail: [translate@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:translate@eastcambs.gov.uk)
7. If the Committee wishes to exclude the public and press from the meeting, a resolution in the following terms will need to be passed:

“That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item no(s). X because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item(s) there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Category X of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).”