



# East Cambridgeshire District Council

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## Meeting: Licensing Committee

Time: 10:00am

Date: Wednesday 18 March 2026

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

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## Committee membership

**Quorum:** 5 members

### Conservative members

Cllr Christine Ambrose Smith  
Cllr Lavinia Edwards  
Cllr Mark Goldsack  
Cllr Martin Goodearl (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Keith Horgan  
Cllr Julia Huffer (Chair)

### Conservative substitutes

Cllr Bill Hunt  
Cllr Kelli Pettitt  
Cllr Alan Sharp

### Liberal Democrat and Independent members

Cllr Charlotte Cane  
Cllr Lee Denney  
Cllr Mark Inskip  
Cllr John Trapp (Lead Member)  
Cllr Christine Whelan  
Cllr Gareth Wilson

### Liberal Democrat and Independent substitutes

Cllr Chika Akinwale  
Cllr Christine Colbert  
Cllr Lorna Dupré

**Lead Officer:** Stewart Broome, Licensing Manager

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## Agenda

### 1. Apologies and substitutions

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- 2. 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.
- 3. Minutes** **Page 5**
- To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 11 February 2026.
- 4. Chair’s announcements** **[oral]**
- 5. Consultation on Local Transport Authorities and the Licensing of Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles** **Page 9**
- To finalise the Council’s response to the Government’s consultation on the transfer of responsibility for taxis and private hire licensing from District Councils and Metropolitan Borough Councils to Local Transport Authorities (“LTA’s”) in England, as part of an effort to curb “out of area” working.
- 6. Licensing Manager’s Update**
- To inform Members of the ongoing work of the Licensing Authority and emerging matters.
- 7. Forward agenda plan**
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