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Council – 21 May 2026 – Decision List

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Prayers were led by the Revd Eleanor Whalley from Soham Parish Church. A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect following the death of former Councillors Allen Alderson and Brian Hayes.

Item No.	Report Ref.	Item	Issue	Decision	Action by
1.	-	Public Question Time	To answer questions from members of the public.	No public questions were received.	-
2.		Election of Chair 2026/27	To elect a Chair for the municipal year 2026/27.	It was resolved: That Cllr Kelli Pettitt be elected as Chair of East Cambridgeshire District Council for the municipal year 2026/27.	-
3.	-	Apologies for Absence	To receive apologies for absence from Members.	No Apologies were received.	-
4.	-	Declarations of Interest	To receive Declarations of Interest from councillors	Cllr Charlotte Cane declared an interest in motion 9a and the amended motion 9b as the local MP. She took no part in the debates and did not vote.	-
5.	-	Minutes – 24 February 2026	To agree the minutes of the meetings held on 24 February 2026	It was resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2026 be agreed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The end of the penultimate sentence of the second paragraph on page 14 to read: “...affordable housing was being delivered, including an opportunity in the next phase of the Haddenham Land Trust.	Democratic Services

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6.	-	Election of Vice-Chair 2026/27	To elect a Vice-Chair for the municipal year.	It was resolved: That Cllr Keith Horgan be elected as Vice Chair of East Cambridgeshire District Council for the municipal year 2026/27.	Democratic Services
7.	-	Chair's Announcements	Announcement of items of interest.	The Chair announced that the Knife Angel, made from 100,000 knives confiscated by Police, was on display on Palace Green in Ely until 17 June and she urged Members to go and see it.	-
8.	-	Petitions	To receive and petitions	There were no petitions for Council to receive	-
9.	-	Notice of Motions under Procedure Rule 10	The following Motions were received and considered: Future of the A10 High Street Bank Closures and Financial Inclusion in East Cambridgeshire Fair Access to Employment for Care-Experienced and Disabled Applicants	Motion was carried with 15 votes in favour and 12 abstentions Amended Motion was carried unanimously Motion was rejected.	Director Operations
10.	-	To answer questions from Members.	To receive questions from Members of Council.	A question from Cllr Mary Wade was received and the response was given as detailed at the end of the Decision List.	-
11.	AB1	Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, Group	To receive details of the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council and Group	It was resolved: That the names of the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council and the names of the Political Group Leaders and Deputies for the forthcoming municipal	Democratic Services and Elections Manager

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		Leaders and Deputies	Leaders and Deputies for the forthcoming year.	year, as detailed in paragraph 3.0 of the Officer's report, be noted.	
12.	AB2	Political Proportionality	To receive details of the political balance of the Council and the implications for the allocation of seats on Committees, Sub-Committees and other Member Bodies.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That Council</p> <p>(a) Noted the revised political balance of the Council as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservative and Independent Group: 15 • Liberal Democrat and Independent Group: 13 • Total: 28 <p>(b) Approved the revised sizes of the Committees, Sub-Committee and as detailed in Table 1 of this report and authorises the Monitoring Officer to make the consequential amendments to the Council's Constitution.</p> <p>(c) Approved the allocation of seats to Political Groups as set out in Table 1 of this report.</p>	Democratic Services and Elections Manager
13.	AB3	Membership of Committees and Sub-Committees (Including Substitutes) and Other Member Bodies 2026/27	To consider the appointments of Members and substitutes to Committees, Sub-Committees and other Member bodies for 2026/27.	<p>It was resolved that:</p> <p>a) Council approved the appointment of Lay Member, Stephen Joyce, to the Audit Committee.</p> <p>b) Council approved the appointment of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Independent Persons (Gilian Holmes and Stuart Webster) • Two Co-Opted Town/Parish Councillor Members (Cllr Rosemary Aitchson, Soham 	Democratic Services and Elections Manager

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				<p>TC/ Vacancy) on the Finance & Assets (Ethical Governance) Sub-Committee</p> <p>c) Council delegated authority to the Democratic Services and Elections Manager to populate the membership of committees and sub-committees, upon receipt of formal notification from the respective Political Group Leaders as soon as practically possible.</p>	
14.	-	Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for all Committees and Sub-Committees 2026/27	To confirm the Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Committees and Sub Committees of the Council for the municipal year 2026/27	<p>It was resolved to make the following appointments:</p> <p>Finance and Assets Committee Chair: Cllr Alan Sharp Finance and Assets Committee Vice-Chair: Cllr Mark Goldsack Operational Services Committee Chair: Cllr Julia Huffer Operational Services Committee Vice-Chair: Cllr Lucius Vellacott Audit Committee Chair: Cllr Lucius Vellacott Audit Committee Vice-Chair: Cllr David Brown Licensing Committee Chair: Cllr Martin Goodearl Licensing Committee Vice-Chair: Cllr Julia Huffer Planning Committee Chair: Cllr Bill Hunt Planning Committee Vice-Chair: Cllr Mark Goldsack Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee Chair: Cllr Alan Sharp Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee Vice-Chair: Cllr Ian Bovingdon F&A (Ethical Governance) Sub-Committee Chair: Cllr Alan Sharp F&A (Ethical Governance) Sub-Committee Vice-Chair: Cllr Ian Bovingdon Licensing Sub-Committee (Statutory) Chair: Cllr Keith Horgan</p>	Democratic Services and Elections Manager

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				Licensing Sub-Committee (Statutory) Vice-Chair: Cllr Lavina Edwards Licensing Sub-Committee (Non-Statutory) Chair: Cllr Martin Goodearl Licensing Sub-Committee (Non-Statutory) Vice-Chair: Cllr Julia Huffer	
15.	AB4	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority	To make appointments to the Board and Committees of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and to note the update report for February and March.	It was resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To note Cllr Anna Bailey's appointment to the Combined Authority Board with Cllr Julia Huffer as the substitute member. b) To note Cllr Lucius Vellacott and Cllr Christine Whelan's appointment as Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cllr David Brown and Cllr Mark Inskip as substitute members. c) To note Cllr Mark Inskip's appointment as the Audit and Governance Committee member and Cllr Christine Whelan as the substitute member. d) That the Chief Executive be authorised to make any amendments to the appointments to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Audit and Governance Committee in consultation with the Political Group Leaders, if the political balance is amended by the Combined Authority between now and the next Council meeting. e) To note the update reports for February and March 2026. 	Democratic Services and Elections Manager
		Exclusion of the press and public		It was resolved: That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the following item because it was likely, in the 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	

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				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.	AB5	Section 113 Business Cases – Fraud Services Anglia Revenues Partnership (ARP)	To consider whether Anglia Revenues Partnership (ARP) should enter into a Section 113 agreement with Maldon District Council to provide Fraud Services.	It was resolved to: Approve the Head of the Anglia Revenues Partnership (ARP) and the ARP Operational Improvement Board to negotiate a renewed Section 113 Agreement to enable ARP Officers to provide Single Person Discount Reviews to City of Lincoln Council and North Kesteven District Council.	Director Finance

9. Notice of Motion

Future of the A10

East Cambridgeshire District Council, hereinafter referred to as ‘the Council’, notes that:

- The A10 corridor between Ely and Cambridge is a strategically important route for commuters, freight, agricultural traffic and local communities across East Cambridgeshire and the wider region
- The road currently carries more than 18,000 vehicles per day and remains largely single carriageway, resulting in congestion, delays, safety concerns and reduced reliability for residents and businesses
- The need to upgrade the A10 corridor has been recognised for decades, with studies dating back to the 1970s examining options to increase capacity and improve connectivity between Ely and Cambridge
- More recently, Cambridgeshire County Council undertook extensive option development work considering highway capacity improvements, junction upgrades, modal shift, and active travel measures, the outcome of which was a recommendation for full dualling of the corridor with a parallel active travel route
- This work was subsequently taken forward by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA), culminating in a Strategic Outline Business Case in 2020, which proposed a range of primarily road-based improvement options, including online and offline dualling of the A10, with associated cycling and walking infrastructure
- Public engagement undertaken in 2020 demonstrated strong local interest in addressing congestion and improving connectivity along the corridor
- The A10 corridor is critical to supporting planned growth across the region, including up to 17,000 new homes and 14,000 new jobs, and is essential to maintaining the economic vitality of East Cambridgeshire and neighbouring areas

- The importance of the A10 upgrade is recognised by Homes England, which is planning a further study of the route through the Strategic Place Partnership, with work having begun in January 2026.

The Council believes that:

- Full dualling of the A10 between Ely and Cambridge is the most effective long-term solution to address congestion, improve safety, and provide the capacity required to support the sustainable growth of the region
- Failure to progress the scheme risks constraining economic development, worsening congestion for residents and businesses and undermining confidence in the delivery of essential regional infrastructure
- Given the public funds spent over decades, the years of technical work already undertaken and the clear strategic importance of the route, the A10 dualling project must remain a priority within regional transport planning.

Therefore, the Council resolves to:

- Reaffirm its strong support for the full dualling of the A10 between Ely and Cambridge, including provision for high-quality active travel infrastructure
- Instruct the Chief Executive of the Council to write to the Chief Executive of the CPCA requesting that the A10 dualling scheme remains a strategic transport priority and that work to progress the project continues without delay
- Instruct the Chief Executive to request that the CPCA provide clarity on the programme for further development work, including the study by the Strategic Place Partnership and the pathway towards delivery of the scheme
- Instruct the Director (Community) to share this motion with neighbouring local authorities, Members of Parliament representing communities along the A10 corridor, and relevant regional stakeholders, in order to invite them to demonstrate their support for progressing the scheme on a cross-area basis

Proposer: Cllr Lucius Vellacott (Soham South and Wicken)

Seconder: Cllr Lee Denney (Stretham)

High Street Bank Closures and Financial Inclusion in East Cambridgeshire

Council notes that:

- There has been a sustained withdrawal of high street banking services across East Cambridgeshire, leaving communities such as Soham, Littleport and Burwell without access to in-person bank branches, and Ely with reduced access.
- Barclays operates a banking hub from the Lighthouse Centre in Ely on Tuesdays to Fridays, which offers:

- Power of attorney assistance
 - Fraud and scams advice
 - Payments and transfers
 - Digital banking help
 - Bereavement assistance
 - Money management
- While the Post Office network provides “everyday banking” services under the current Banking Framework (2026–2030), including cash withdrawals, deposits, and balance checks, these services are limited in scope and do not replace full banking provision, such as advice, support and relationship banking, which are particularly needed by small businesses and charities
 - Digital banking is not a universal solution. Many residents are at risk of digital exclusion, especially older people, those with disabilities, those on low incomes or those living in rural areas.
 - Over the past two years, the Council has delivered a digital inclusion programme aimed at digitally isolated residents, providing them with the skills, confidence, and access to use digital devices and online services safely and effectively.

Council believes that access to in-person banking is a vital component of financial inclusion.

Therefore, Council resolves to:

- Instruct the Leader of the Council to write to our MP to ask what more can be done nationally to support the continuation and improvement of the work carried out by LINK, who assess local need for in-person banking hubs, and Cash Access UK Ltd., who are responsible for providing the current banking hubs, including how access to hubs can be widened to communities that have already lost banking services.
- Continue to support digital inclusion through the Council’s activities and resident advice services.
- Encourage and support community hubs in the district to apply for Connecting Cambridgeshire’s Digital Hub grant scheme
- Request that the Council’s economic development service communicates with local businesses, business groups and charities to assess the impact of closures, and encourage the relevant private sector bodies to continue in-person banking provision in East Cambridgeshire.

Proposed: Cllr Mark Inskip

Seconded: Cllr Christine Colbert

10. To Answer Question from Members

Question from Cllr Mary Wade to the Chair of Operational Services Committee, Cllr Julia Huffer

I, along with fellow residents, have received my new bins, which came with clear instructions and spare bags included. The rollout of the new system seems to be a large-scale change programme that is being delivered well. Would you be able to update us on progress and how ready we are for the June kick-off, and you may also welcome the opportunity to thank the team involved and all members of the operational services committee for planning and the work done so far?

What are the advantages of the new approach to waste?

Response from the Chair of Operational Services Committee, Cllr Julia Huffer

Firstly, thank you for your kind words regarding the project team, and everyone else involved. They have been working tirelessly to ensure the new waste collection service gets off to a good start. This has been a real team effort.

Yes, we are ready for the 1st of June, we have the vehicles. There are five food collection vehicles which are being test driven. The crew are busy familiarising themselves with the new rounds and final tweaks are being made to smooth out any anomalies.

All customers will receive another reminder leaflet regarding the new service next week.

The advantages of our new approach to waste include:

More opportunities to recycle more effectively:

- Weekly collection of separated food waste – to produce energy and fertiliser
- Cleaner garden waste, as a result of taking food out of it – enabling cheaper recycling through less treatment
- Collection of excess recycling when placed next to the blue bin – making it easier for residents (don't forget you can get additional blue and green bins at no extra cost)

Better collection of rubbish through the provision of wheeled bins:

- Less mess, ripped bags and pests
- Safer for our collection crews

We will be compliant with the new, national legislation.