



East Cambridgeshire District Council

Meeting: Audit Committee

Time: 4:30 pm

Date: Tuesday 14 July 2026

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

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Committee membership

Quorum: 3 members

Conservative Members

Cllr David Brown (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Keith Horgan

Cllr Lucius Vellacott (Chair)

Substitutes:

Cllr Christine Ambrose Smith

Cllr Lavinia Edwards

Liberal Democrat and Independent Group Members

Cllr Lorna Dupré

Cllr James Lay

Substitutes:

Cllr Mark Inskip

Cllr Gareth Wilson

Lay Member

Stephen Joyce

Lead Officer

Jude Antony, Director Finance

AGENDA

1. **Public Question Time** [oral]
The meeting will commence with up to 15 minutes public question time
2. **Apologies and Substitutions** [oral]
3. **Declarations of Interest** [oral]
To receive declarations of interest from Members for any Items on the Agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct

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