

East Cambridgeshire District Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the **EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held on **THURSDAY 16 JULY 2026** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER** at **THE GRANGE, NUTHOLT LANE, ELY, CB7 4EE**, commencing at **6:00pm** with up to 15 minutes of Public Question Time, immediately followed by the formal business, and you are summoned to attend for the transaction of the following business

AGENDA

- 1. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** **[oral]**
The meeting will commence with up to 15 minutes Public Question Time (PQT) – questions/statements can be submitted in advance or placed in the PQT box in the Council Chamber prior to the commencement of the meeting – see Notes below for further information on the PQT scheme.
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** **[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.
- 4. MINUTES & EXEMPT MINUTES – 21 MAY 2026** **Page 5**
To confirm as a correct record.
- 5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** **[oral]**
- 6. TO RECEIVE PETITION(S)** **[oral]**
- 7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 10** **[oral]**

a) Social and Affordable Housing

This Council believes that all residents living in social and affordable housing deserve safe, responsive and high-quality housing services, regardless of their landlord.

Council recognises the important role played by housing associations and community land trusts in meeting local housing need across East Cambridgeshire, values strong partnership working with these organisations, and acknowledges the positive contribution made by community-led housing groups across the district.

32 registered providers own housing in East Cambridgeshire, representing 6,524 homes, both general needs and supported living. Sanctuary Housing is by far the biggest provider, owning 4,260 (65%) of these homes, representing around 10% of the entire housing stock in the district. The next largest provider is CHS (Cambridge Housing Society) Group with 554 homes. Flagship Housing owns 231 homes, Clarion 208, and Accent Group 137, with the remaining smaller providers owning around 100 homes or less.

Council is concerned that inconsistent service levels experienced by some housing association tenants may disproportionately affect older and vulnerable residents and recognises the importance of ensuring that all tenants are able to access responsive services and have their voices heard. Whilst the larger providers are subject to regulatory judgement, this does not provide sufficient transparency or granularity about performance at a local level.

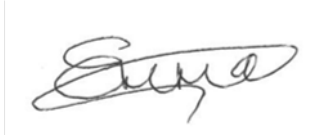
Council resolves, with the aim of improving transparency, accountability and outcomes for tenants across the district, to:

1. Request Officers to work with housing associations above an agreed stock threshold within the district to establish a simple six-monthly performance reporting framework covering key housing management and maintenance measures.
2. Refer this reporting to the Operational Services Committee for regular review, enabling Councillors to monitor trends, identify good practice and understand where improvement may be required.
3. Invite representatives of housing associations to attend meetings with the Council to discuss performance, challenges and improvement activity where appropriate.
4. Request Officers to explore options to strengthen tenant engagement and improve understanding of tenant experience, particularly amongst vulnerable residents and those less likely to raise concerns directly.

PROPOSER: Cllr Lee Denney

SECONDER: Cllr Anna Bailey

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| 8. | TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS | [oral] |
| 9. | SCHEDULE OF ITEMS RECOMMENDED FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEMBER BODIES: | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Finance & Assets Committee – 25 June 2026</u>
Treasury Operations Annual Performance Review | Page 29 |
| 10. | CORPORATE PLAN | Page 51 |
| 11. | LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION - ESTABLISHMENT OF VOLUNTARY JOINT COMMITTEE | Page 55 |
| 12. | CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY UPDATE REPORT
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Chief Executive

To: All Members of the Council

NOTES:

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting. Admission is on a "first come, first served" basis, and public access will open 30 minutes before the start time of the meeting. Due to room capacity restrictions, members of the public are asked, where possible, to notify Democratic Services (democratic.services@eastcambs.gov.uk or 01353 665555) of their intention to attend the meeting.

The meeting will be webcast, and a live stream will be available. Further details can be found at <https://eastcambs.gov.uk/node/3470>. Please be aware that all attendees, including those in the public gallery, will be visible on the live stream.

Public Questions/Statements are welcome on any topic related to the Council's functions, provided there is no suspicion of impropriety (e.g. offensive, slanderous, or likely to lead to the disclosure of Exempt or Confidential information). Up to 15 minutes are allocated to this at the start of the meeting. Further details about the Public Question Time scheme are available at: <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/committees/public-question-time-scheme>

The Council has adopted a 'Purge on Plastics' strategy and is working towards the removal of all consumer single-use plastics from our workplace. Therefore, we do not provide disposable cups at our meetings and ask members of the public to bring their own drinks to the meeting, if required.

Fire instructions for the meeting: The instructions in the event of a fire at the venue will be announced at the start of the meeting.

Reports are attached for each agenda item unless marked "oral".

If required, all items on the agenda can be provided in different formats (e.g. large type, Braille or audio tape, or translated into other languages), on request, by calling Main Reception on (01353) 665555 or e-mail: translate@eastcambs.gov.uk

If the Committee wishes to exclude the public and the press from the meeting, a resolution in the following terms will need to be adopted:

"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)."

