



## Communities and Partnerships half year report 2024 to 2025

Performance measure	Target and reporting timescale	Half year update
<p>Review grant and asset of community value (ACV) documentation and make amendments to ensure accessibility compliance and review website content to ensure that it is relevant, and that digital functionality is of a high standard, accessible to all, simple to use and meet the needs of customers by 31 December 2025.</p>	<p>Review all relevant webpages and documentation by 31 December 2024</p>	<p><b>Target On Track</b></p> <p>All ACV documentation has been reviewed and made accessible. The updated nomination form has been uploaded onto the ECDC website.</p> <p>Grant letter templates have been made accessible, and updates to grant application forms in progress.</p> <p>Website content updated as and when required. Wider review of website content ongoing as part of new website project.</p>
<p>Deliver the team's actions for 2024-25 in the Council's Community Engagement Action Plan, including the delivery of 1 parish council conference.</p>	<p>100%, 31 March 2025</p>	<p><b>Target On Track</b></p> <p>All targets on track, examples of work:</p> <p>2 Youth Fusion events were delivered in Burwell and Haddenham in August 2024.</p> <p>Detached youth engagement carried out in Stetchworth, Ashley, Cheveley, Dullingham, Swaffham Prior, Swaffham</p>

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		<p>Bulbeck, and Burwell, to understand the views of local young people. Feedback received from young people was passed onto the relevant agencies for them to consider and address.</p> <p>Public events identified and mapped by the Communities and Partnerships team, in consultation with parish councils and ECDC Service Leads. Following this, a variety of community events have been attended by Council officers, to carry out engagement with the public.</p> <p>The Council's Register of Consultee database is being refreshed and an officer toolkit is being produced.</p> <p>Parish Council Conference draft agenda produced, informed by parish councils, partner agencies and service leads.</p>
<p>Support the work of the East Cambs Community Safety Partnership (CSP) by delivering the team's actions in the CSP Action Plan 2024/25 and ensuring that we meet statutory requirements.</p>	<p>100%, 31 March 2025</p>	<p><b>Target On Track</b></p> <p>CSP Action Plan agreed by CSP Board in June 2024.</p> <p>Examples of work carried out:</p> <p>Court experience event delivered to students from Bottisham Village College in September 2024. Events programme established for other schools to attend.</p> <p>Multiagency street art project in</p>

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		<p>Ely completed in September 2024.</p> <p>ECDC officers represented the CSP at county board meetings.</p> <p>ECDC officers represented the CSP at community events, including the Youth Fusion events in Burwell and Haddenham.</p> <p>Supported multiagency youth engagement work in Burwell.</p> <p>Fed into CCC youth survey.</p> <p>Implementation of White Ribbon Action Plan to address violence against women and girls. Supported South Cambs District Council with White Ribbon accreditation.</p> <p>ECDC and The Kite Trust signed up as third party hate crime reporting centres.</p> <p>CSP Communications Plan agreed by the board in September 2024.</p> <p>Community Safety Statutory Duty Audit carried out with Service Leads, and an ECDC Prevent Action Plan is being explored.</p>
<p>Management of Section 106, Community Fund and Facilities Improvement Grant Schemes in accordance with specific grant timescales and hold 2 grant</p>	<p>As determined by specific grant schemes, 2 application windows open by 31 March 2025</p>	<p><b>Target On Track</b></p> <p>Grant enquiries answered and assistance given to parish councils and community groups regarding potential applications.</p>

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Community Fund application windows during 2024/25.		<p>5 Community Fund grants awarded.</p> <p>1 Section 106 grant awarded.</p> <p>2 Facilities Improvement Grants awarded.</p> <p>Funding opportunities proactively promoted.</p>
Review and implement agreed recommendations of the Digital Marketing Strategy for Explore East Cambs during 2024-2025	100%, 31 March 2025	<p><b>On Going</b></p> <p>Procurement in progress to seek a contractor to deliver the Digital Marketing Strategy.</p>
Deliver 2 East Cambs Youth Fusion events by 31 March 2025	2 events delivered by February 2025	<p><b>Target On Track</b></p> <p>2 Youth Fusion events delivered in Burwell and Haddenham in August 2024.</p>
Deliver the team's actions for 2024-25 in the Council's Vulnerable Community Strategy, including the management of SLAs with Voluntary and Community Action East Cambs and Citizens Advice West Suffolk in accordance with SLA timescales	100%, 31 March 2025	<p><b>Target On Track</b></p> <p>All targets on track, examples of work carried out:</p> <p>Vulnerable Communities Toolkit rebranded as a directory, and currently being updated in consultation with Service Leads.</p> <p>SLAs monitored in accordance with SLA requirements.</p> <p>Support provided to the delivery of the CSP Action Plan.</p> <p>2 Youth Fusion events delivered</p>

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		in Burwell and Haddenham in August 2024.
<p>Regularly review higher level corporate risks, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assets of Community Value applications not managed in accordance with Localism Act statutory obligations</li> <li>mooring enforcement not compliant with the Council's contract law enforcement processes</li> <li>grants and agreements not managed in accordance with procedures</li> <li>failure to adhere to community safety related statutory duties</li> </ul>	Review quarterly	<p><b>Target On Track</b></p> <p>ECDC Community Safety Statutory Duty Audit completed., and ECDC Prevent Action Plan is being explored.</p> <p>Annual review of Assets of Community Value protocol and appendices completed in August 2024.</p> <p>Annual Assurance Statement (AAS) completed and returned to internal audit team in June 2024. The AAS is a self-assessment of the systems of internal control within the service and provides an evaluation of the effectiveness of procedures, systems and controls and, highlights actions intended to address any areas for improvement.</p> <p>Higher level corporate risks reviewed quarterly.</p>
Extend or review commercial mooring operator licence by 17 October 2024.	License reviewed by 17 October 2024	<p><b>Target Exceeded</b></p> <p>License extended by 2 years until 17 October 2026.</p>
Reduce our paper usage within the service by 5%	5% reduction by 31 March 2025	<b>Target On Track</b>