



# EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Meeting of the **EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held on **THURSDAY 16 JULY 2020** 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the introduction of restrictions on gatherings of people by the Government due to the Covid-19 outbreak, this meeting will be conducted remotely facilitated using the Zoom video conferencing system. There will be no access to the meeting at the Council Offices, but there will be Public Question Time at the commencement of the meeting in accordance with the Council's Public Question Time Scheme, as modified for remote meetings. Details of the public viewing arrangements for this meeting are detailed in the Notes box at the end of the Agenda.

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## AGENDA

1. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** [oral]  
The meeting will commence with up to 15 minutes Public Question Time  
  
**Please Note:** due to this being a remote meeting, questions from the public should be e-mailed to [tracy.couper@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:tracy.couper@eastcambs.gov.uk) by 5pm on Tuesday 14 July 2020 (see Notes box at the end of the Agenda)
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 – 21 MAY 2020**  
To confirm as a correct record
5. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** [oral]

## 6. TO RECEIVE PETITION(S)

[oral]

### A Splash Pad for Ely

To receive the following Petition of approximately 1,229 local signatures:

We are a group of parents who would like to see a Splash Pad built in Ely for local residents and surrounding villages.

Splash Pads are interactive water playgrounds which get young people active in a fun and engaging way. They are suitable for all ages and abilities, making the perfect family day out.

To take this forward, we need to demonstrate the level of support for this project to our local Councillors.

### Background

As Splash Pads become an increasingly popular leisure time activity, many residents of Ely are currently travelling to Newmarket and Cambridge to access this water fun, adding to unnecessary traffic and taking consumers away from local businesses.

In July 2019, an article created by Angela Haylock from the Ely Volunteer Centre went on Facebook asking residents what activities they would like to see for children and families in Ely or Littleport. The response was a resounding; "We want a Splash Pad!"

Three residents first engaged with Angela in August 2019 to begin planning how this idea could be moved forward. Since then, they have met with the main manufacturer of this type of equipment and with a representative of Cambridge City Council in their quest to find out more details and the level of funding required. The group have also recently met with staff members at East Cambs District Council who showed some interest in the proposal.

A Splash Pad for Ely represents a wide-reaching, low maintenance, environmentally conscious project that will encourage physical activity and water confidence out in the fresh air and free of charge for young people and will be a draw of visitors to the many independent businesses in our beautiful city.

In summary, what we are requesting from both Ely City Council and East Cambridgeshire District Council is for Councillors to look into this project in more detail. We would like both the Councils to look at various pieces of land with a view to getting this facility built for the residents of East Cambridgeshire.

Yours sincerely

Tracy Corley

Bryony Braschi

Ellie Senior

Angela Haylock – Community Facilitator What's Your Game Project C/O VCAEC,  
41E Forehill, Ely Cambs, CB7 4AA

## 7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 10 [oral]

### (i) Local Electricity Bill

This Council:

- (i) acknowledges the efforts that this council is making to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;
- (ii) recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;
- (iii) further recognises
  - that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
  - that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils and local community co-operatives to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
  - that revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;
- (iv) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 187 MPs, and which, if made law, would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and
- (v) further resolves to:
  - write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and
  - write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or [info@powerforpeople.org.uk](mailto:info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.

Proposed: Mark Inskip

Seconded: Lorna Dupré

### (ii) Black Lives Matter

Council notes:

1. In the UK 26% of instances of police using firearms are against Black people, despite Black people making up only 3.3% (1) of the population. 51% of young men in custody in the UK are from Black, Asian or minority ethnic backgrounds, despite these groups making up only 14% (2) of the UK population. The 2017 Lammy Report concluded that "BAME individuals still face bias, including overt discrimination, in parts of the justice system". Most recently, we've seen that BAME people are 54% (3) more likely than white people to be fined under the new coronavirus lockdown laws.
2. Here in East Cambs, Black people face being stopped by police just because they are Black. An example of this happening in Ely was recently posted on social media. Data from Stop Watch shows that in 2018/2019, police officers in

Cambridgeshire subjected Black people to stop and search at a rate of 6 (4) times more than white people.

3. The police killing of George Floyd in June 2020, has led to protests against the killing of Black people by police everywhere from Floyd's home of Minneapolis, to the UK, Japan, and New Zealand. The world knows George Floyd's name, and his death has fuelled a movement to end police violence against Black people.

(1) [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/764894/police-use-of-force-apr2017-mar2018-hosb3018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/764894/police-use-of-force-apr2017-mar2018-hosb3018.pdf)

(2) [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/643001/lammy-review-final-report.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/643001/lammy-review-final-report.pdf)

(3) <https://www.itv.com/news/2020-06-17/bame-people-50-more-likely-to-receive-coronavirus-lockdown-fines-mps-told/>

(4) <https://www.stop-watch.org/your-area/area/cambridgeshire>

East Cambridgeshire District Council extends our solidarity to the Black Lives Matters movement and believes that:

- A. Racism in all forms, both structural and in individuals, continues to be a serious and often unseen problem throughout the UK, including in East Cambridgeshire. The needs and challenges of Black people may differ from those of Asian people and also those of other minority ethnic groups and the Council will ensure that this is reflected in our approach to equality, diversity and inclusion.
- B. Although progress has been made in combating racism in all its forms, more work is needed to eradicate it entirely.

This Council, representing people in East Cambridgeshire, welcomes its duty to actively lead that work locally.

Council resolves to meet the challenge head-on with immediate action to:

- I. Review and recommend concrete actions on ensuring that we maintain an actively anti-racist outlook within the area of BAME access to housing and to homelessness & welfare support.
- II. Commit to taking an active part in Black History Month.
- III. Write to the Minister for Schools asking the government to provide resources to schools to support them in providing further historical context for events normally only seen through the lens of white British history.
- IV. Produce a report on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on BAME communities in East Cambridgeshire by the end of 2020, to be reviewed by the Finance and Assets Committee, and shared with BAME community representatives.
- V. Ask the Police & Crime Commissioner to put in place measures to ensure that arrest and custody measures are proportionate.
- VI. Write to the two MPs in our district to ask that rather than spending money on another race inequality review, the Government implements recommendations of previous reviews - specifically including but not restricted to, the Lammy and Windrush recommendations.

On a long term basis Council believes there is a need to further address racism, and therefore resolves to, over time:

- VII. Ask officers to regularly review our progress on the measures above, report progress to Finance & Assets Committee and recommend to Council any additional steps required to achieve these goals.
- VIII. Review and examine the internal structures of East Cambs District Council to ensure Black Asian and Minority Ethnic people are not disadvantaged.

Understand specifically how many minority ethnic people the council employ, where are they working, what barriers, if any exist to their career progression and recommend any changes required to our staff policies and procedures to ensure that they are inclusive.

- IX. Act on any concerns raised about street names which derive from individuals or organisations that have racist links.
- X. Ask the Police & Crime Commissioner to report on what measures have been put in place to reduce the disproportionality of BAME people affected by the use of stop and search powers seen locally and nationally and how often are these measures are reviewed; and to provide a regular report as to initiatives and progress.
- XI. Ask the Combined Authority to produce a toolkit for businesses to help broaden their understanding of race inequality in the workplace, including but not limited to materials, signposts to relevant local groups and training that can be provided for staff, and links to relevant networks.

Proposed: Cllr Matthew Downey

Seconded: Cllr Charlotte Cane

### **(iii) Balloons and Lanterns**

East Cambridgeshire is a rural area with many farm animals, as well as a wide and diverse mix of wildlife.

An estimated 200,000 sky lanterns and many thousands of balloons are sold in the UK each year for release. While they can look mesmerising, many people are unaware of the deadly consequences fallen lanterns and deflated balloons can have for animals and the environment.

Wildlife and farm animals can easily become entangled in lantern frames and balloon strings, not to mention the fatal effect these parts can have on an animal if they ingest any component of these items. Deflated and fragments of balloons are commonly mistaken for food by marine life, and the strings used to tether balloons have been known to cause animals to become entangled or choke and suffer from internal blockages which ultimately leads to their death.

Reports state that balloons are the highest-risk debris item to seabirds; they are 32 times more likely to result in death than ingesting hard plastic. Both balloons and sky lanterns have the potential to travel miles from their original release site before returning to land.

There is a risk to buildings, dry standing crops, forestry, hay/straw stacks and habitats.

Wherever the depleted lanterns may fall, they inevitably litter the area in question.

There is an air safety risk associated with possible "ingestion" of parts into aircraft engines.

This Council resolves to ban the release of all types of helium-filled balloon and sky lantern on property and land owned by the District Council.

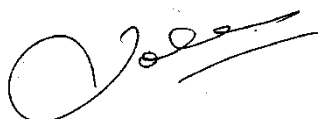
This Council resolves to ask all Parish and Town Councils within East Cambridgeshire to pass a similar motion to ban the release of all types of helium-filled balloon and sky lantern on Parish & Town Council owned land.

This Council resolves to engage with businesses, communities, landowners, schools and individuals in East Cambridgeshire encouraging them to sign up to this initiative.

Proposer: Cllr Alan Sharp

Seconded: Cllr Amy Starkey

8. **TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS** [oral]
9. **CORPORATE PLAN**  
Due to being an A3 colour document, the Corporate Plan, Appendix 1 of the report, has been circulated separately to Councillors and Officers. Copies are available on the Council's website [www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk) or from Democratic Services
10. **COVID-19 IMPACT ON COUNCIL FINANCES**
11. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
12. **CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY UPDATE REPORT**
13. **ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON THE GROUNDS OF URGENCY**



**J Hill**  
**Chief Executive**

To: All Members of the Council

**NOTES:**

1. Since the introduction of restrictions on gatherings of people by the Government in March 2020, it has not been possible to hold standard face to face public meetings at the Council Offices. This led to a temporary suspension of meetings. The Coronavirus Act 2020 now has been implemented, however, and in Regulations made under Section 78 it gives local authorities the power to hold meetings without it being necessary for any of the participants or audience to be present together in the same room.

The Council has a scheme to allow Public Question Time at the start of the meeting using the Zoom video conferencing system. If you wish to ask a question or make a statement, please contact Tracy Couper, Democratic Services Officer for full Council [tracy.couper@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:tracy.couper@eastcambs.gov.uk) by 5pm on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020. If you are not able to access the meeting remotely, or do not wish to speak via a remote link, your question/statement can be read out on your behalf at the Council meeting.

2. A live stream of the meeting will be available on YouTube at [www.eastcambs.gov.uk/meetings/council-16072020](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/meetings/council-16072020) for public viewing.
3. Reports are attached for each agenda item unless marked "oral".

4. 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](mailto:translate@eastcambs.gov.uk)
5. If the Committee wishes to exclude the public and press from the meeting, a resolution in the following terms will need to be passed:  

“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).”