



July 2023

I'm delighted to announce this month we have signed off our new Corporate Plan which outlines East Cambridgeshire District Council's priorities for the next four years.

This is based on feedback you - as residents - have given us as we have been out and about across the district.

We really pride ourselves as being a small but mighty council.

Over the next four years we are packing a lot in to help us meet our three key priorities of sound financial management, creating a cleaner, greener East Cambridgeshire and delivering sustainable communities.



Cllr Anna Bailey, leader

What we'll deliver

- Council Tax will only be raised as a last resort between now and 2027, as part of a renewed commitment to help with the Cost of Living Crisis.
- We'll continue work with Community Land Trusts and East Cambs Trading Company to deliver genuinely affordable housing that enables people to live and work locally
- We'll continue our work to improve cycling routes, support phase 2 of Soham Railway and lobby for improved bus services. We've also pledged to oppose the introduction of congestion charging in Cambridge
- Subject to a business case being approved, proposals for a state-of-the-art bereavement centre to include an eco-crematorium, woodland burial site and pet cemetery all set in the grounds of a beautiful lakeside nature reserve at Mepal, will go ahead.
- Around £2 million is to be invested in energy efficiency measures for non-gas homes
- We'll deliver actions in our Environment Plan to deliver a cleaner, greener East Cambridgeshire
- As part of "Project Street Smart" we're introducing bin lorries that run on hydrotreated vegetable oil, digitising our waste service, improving recycling targets

and bringing in black wheeled bins for residents.

Read our four year [Corporate Plan for 2023-2027](#)

Read our annual [Corporate Actions for 2023/4](#)



Join us for 3 fun interactive events

Young people are invited to join our fun and free Youth Fusion Days taking place in Soham, Bottisham and Littleport this summer.

These interactive wellbeing events are an opportunity to find out what's going on for young people in the district and where to go to get more information about the things that matter to them.

As well as fun activities such as a climbing wall and a bouncy castle, there will also be the chance to find out more about the clubs, organisations and support networks available for under 18s.

Among the attractions are:

- A taster session and information on how to get involved in sports
- Details of National Citizen Service, which offers a range of experiences away from home, in the local community and online
- Engaging with young people on safety concerns, and sharing advice on many topics including county lines and knife crime
- Cycle marking and free bike servicing and maintenance advice
- Information on clubs, workshops, fundraising, fostering, e-learning, volunteering and careers (Soham and Littleport events)
- How to join the East Cambridgeshire Youth Council as an ambassador
- Climate change and what you can do to help the environment
- ARC games, such as Jenga and Giant Connect 4

Drop in from 11am to 3pm:

- Soham Rec and Scout Hut, Wednesday 26 July
- Bottisham Sports Centre, Wednesday 9 August
- Littleport Youth and Community Centre, Wednesday 23 August

Don't forget to take along a refillable water bottle.

You can find out more about the Youth Fusion Days, together with lots of handy hints and tips for young people on the youth pages on [East Cambridgeshire District Council's website](#).



Green Fair - We'll be there

Our Environment Team is planning lots of fun and eco-friendly activities for this year's second annual Ely Cathedral Green Fair on Saturday 5 August.

The Green Fair will take place both on the Cathedral's grounds as well as the Council's Palace Green area, immediately in front of the Cathedral. The fair is completely **FREE** to enter. No need to book, just visit any time between 10am and 4pm.

Activities on Palace Green include:

- Vote for your favourite animal you want to thrive in East Cambridgeshire - with a chance to win a cuddly toy of the animal you vote for
- Treasure hunts and construction play - with a chance to win small prizes
- Action on Energy where you can see how heat pumps and solar panels work, and find out if you are eligible for grants.
- Lots of stalls run by local charities or organisations, with hands on activities for families. More details to follow soon

On the Cathedral grounds will be dozens of stalls selling local produce and eco-friendly items. A [full list of the stalls is available](#) on the Cathedral's website.

[Find out more about the Green Fair here](#)

Help with cost of living advice



Ask our community advice team
about benefits and financial support

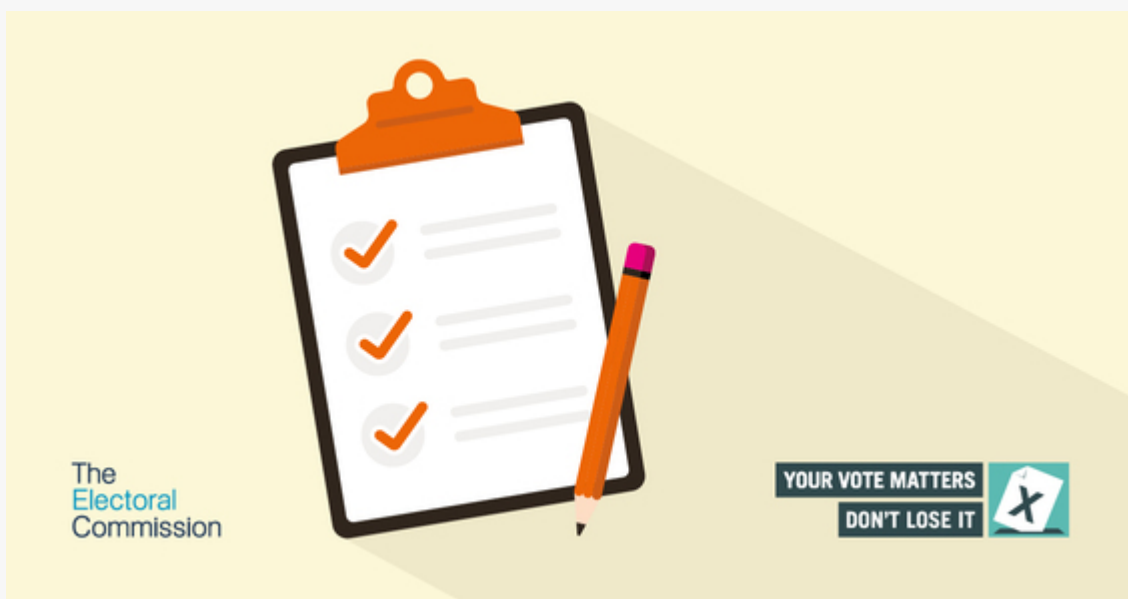


Do you need help with cost of living advice?

Drop into our offices at The Grange, Ely for free impartial advice on anything from how to save energy in your home and cut down on food waste, to advice on benefits and community grants.

Our community bus will also be available every week in Soham and Littleport and plans to make regular appearances at Ely Markets and at local events.

If you are not able to visit The Grange or meet the bus in Littleport or Soham you can request a personal home visit by a member of the team. To book call 01353 665555.



East Cambs canvass

We're contacting all households to make sure that the electoral register is up to date.

You'll be receiving a letter/email soon asking if your household's details on the electoral

register are correct. All you need to do is follow the instructions, and you'll be ready to have your say in upcoming elections.

Our elections team is also happy to help. Call 01353 665555.



Community fund

Community groups are being urged to apply for grants of up to £1000 being offered by East Cambridgeshire District Council. The money can be spent on new or existing projects designed to improve the quality of life for residents.

The Friends of the Woodland Garden, based at Peacocks Meadow in Littleport, Ely Methodist Church, Care Network and Little Thetford Village Hall were all successful in applying for funds during the last round. To find out more visit the [Community Fund page](#) on our website.

More news

Head to our [Newsroom](#) to find all the latest news. Below are some highlights:



Congestion charge

Plans to implement congestion charging in Cambridgeshire should be stopped and alternative proposals, like improved bus services given a higher priority, according to a motion passed by East Cambridgeshire District Council.

[Read more here](#)




Job boost for Littleport

Plans for a £1.5 million project to address a shortfall of jobs and office space in Littleport have been given the backing by East Cambridgeshire District Council. The council has approved £550,000 towards the cost of improving and expanding the E-Space North Business Centre into a dynamic hub to support the formation and growth of new and existing businesses.

[Read more here.](#)

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