



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 13 JULY 2023** 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 – 25 MAY 2023**
To confirm as a correct record.
- 5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** **[oral]**
- 6. TO RECEIVE PETITION(S)** **[oral]**
- 7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 10** **[oral]**
- (a) Greater Cambridge Partnership: Making Connections Consultation**

That this Council notes the feedback from the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) 2022 Making Connections consultation and the key findings that:

- Over 70% of respondents were in favour of the future transport network – with more buses to more locations, cheaper fares and longer operating times supported by better walking and cycling infrastructure to give people faster, cheaper and more reliable travel alternatives to the car.

- 58% of respondents overall, and 59% of respondents from East Cambridgeshire opposed the proposed Sustainable Travel Zone (STZ) as the means of delivering the future transport network.

This Council also notes the negative impacts of the proposals detailed in the many individually written consultation responses from residents, businesses, public sector employees, charities and voluntary groups from across Cambridgeshire.

Further, this Council notes the discussion by the GCP Assembly at its meeting on 26th June 2023 and the recommendations before the GCP Board at its meeting on 29th June 2023 to:

- a) note the feedback from the 2022 Making Connections consultation, including the public survey, the accompanying opinion polling, organizational submissions, and stakeholder meetings;
- b) informed by the feedback from the consultation, and the comments of the GCP Joint Assembly, note and comment on the range of scenarios for modifying the proposed scheme, set out in this paper in section 9;
- c) request that GCP officers work with Cambridgeshire County Council officers to develop the technical assessment needed to present an Outline Business Case for further consideration by the GCP Executive Board, and by Cambridgeshire County Council, in Autumn 2023;
- d) agree to work with the CPCA, as the Transport Authority, including the provision of resource, to input findings from the Making Connections consultation and technical work into the CPCA's work on bus reform and review of the bus network; and
- e) request that GCP officers develop proposals for the early introduction of a bus and sustainable travel package (as set out in section 11) based on the £50m of city deal funding provisionally allocated for this purpose, for decision at the GCP Executive Board meeting in December 2023.

This Council believes that:

- a) the changes to the STZ under discussion represent a serious erosion of the business model as presented in the Making Connections consultation, leading to increased bureaucracy and cost of implementing and running the road charging elements of the scheme, as well as reducing the income generated, which will result in a reduction in funding for the future transport network and lead to a failure to deliver the promised bus services and sustainable travel improvements;
- b) the GCP has failed to consider or present alternatives to road charging.

This Council therefore urges the GCP, CCC and the CPCA to cease work on the implementation of road charging and, with all partner organisations, MPs, businesses and organisations across Cambridgeshire, to develop alternative proposals that demonstrate public support, focussing on both early delivery of multiple small improvements as well as accelerating work on larger projects that can and will encourage people away from private vehicle use.

If the GCP and its partners refuse to cease work on the implementation of road charging, this Council urges it to present thorough and detailed cost and feasibility

studies for all permutations of the revised scheme under discussion, including necessary arising revisions to the future bus network and sustainable travel improvements.

Proposer: Councillor Anna Bailey
Seconder: Councillor Alan Sharp

8. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS **[oral]**

9. CORPORATE PLAN

Due to being A3 colour documents, the Corporate Plan and Corporate Actions, Appendix 1 & 2 of the report, have been circulated separately to Councillors and Officers. Copies are available on the Council's website at www.eastcambs.gov.uk/meetings/council-130723 or from Democratic Services democratic.services@eastcambs.gov.uk

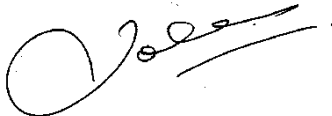
10. SCHEDULE OF ITEMS RECOMMENDED FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEMBER BODIES:

Treasury Operations Annual Performance Review 2022/23

11. EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE STREET SCENE (ECSS) OBSERVER

12. CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY

**13. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED
AUTHORITY UPDATE REPORT
May & June 2023**



J Hill
Chief Executive

To: All Members of the Council

NOTES:

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting. Admittance is on a "first come, first served" basis and public access will be from 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 a meeting.

The meeting will be webcast and a live stream of the meeting will be available. Further details can be found at www.eastcambs.gov.uk/meetings/council-130723. Please be aware that all attendees, including those in the public gallery, will be visible on the livestream.

Public Questions/Statements are welcomed on any topic related to the Council's functions as long as there is no suspicion that it is improper (e.g. offensive, slanderous or might lead to disclosures of Exempt or Confidential information). Up to 15 minutes is allocated for 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 in our workplace. Therefore, we do not provide disposable cups at our meetings and would ask members of the public to bring their own drink to the meeting, if required.

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