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# EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## MEETING: FINANCE & ASSETS COMMITTEE

TIME: 4:30pm

DATE: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

VENUE: Council Chamber, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE

ENQUIRIES REGARDING THIS AGENDA: Tracy Couper

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## MEMBERSHIP:

### Conservative Members

Cllr David Brown (Chairman)  
Cllr Anna Bailey  
Cllr Ian Bovingdon (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Mark Goldsack  
Cllr Julia Huffer  
Cllr Bill Hunt

### Substitutes:

Cllr David Ambrose Smith  
Cllr Joshua Schumann  
Cllr Jo Webber

### Liberal Democrat Members

Cllr Alison Whelan (Lead Member)  
Cllr Lorna Dupré  
Cllr Simon Harries  
Cllr John Trapp

### Substitutes:

Cllr Matthew Downey  
Cllr Gareth Wilson

### Independent Member

Cllr Sue Austen (Lead Member)

### Substitute:

Cllr Paola Trimarco

### Lead Officer

Emma Grima, Director Commercial

Quorum: 5 Members

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## AGENDA

- 1. Public Question Time** [oral]  
The meeting will commence with up to 15 minutes public question time
- 2. Apologies and Substitutions** [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**  
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Finance & Assets Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> March and 19 May 2022.
- 5. Chairman's Announcements** **[oral]**

## **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

**6. Motion from Council - Accessible Toilets**

To consider the following Motion referred from full Council on 21 April 2022:

This Council notes that:

- Not every Council owned or managed public toilet in East Cambridgeshire is accessible for people with disabilities.
- The Government has decided that large accessible toilets for severely disabled people—known as Changing Places toilets—will be made compulsory for large new buildings, such as shopping centres, supermarkets, sports and arts venues. The Changing Places interactive map at <https://www.changing-places.org/find> indicates that there is not a single Changing Places toilet in the whole of East Cambridgeshire, and that the nearest Changing Places toilets for residents of the district are at Eddington, Bar Hill, and Mildenhall. Furthermore, East Cambridgeshire is the only district in Cambridgeshire for which no Changing Places grant funding was awarded by Government in March this year.
- The charity Crohn's and Colitis UK is encouraging venues providing accessible toilets to install new signage—two standing figures and a wheelchair user with the words *Accessible Toilet* and the logo 'Not every disability is visible'. This is to help stop stigma and discrimination towards people with Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis and other invisible conditions. There have been instances nationally where such individuals using an accessible toilet have been accused by staff members of being ineligible to use them.

This Council believes that:

- Provision of good quality, accessible, well-signed public toilets is important not only as a human right, but also for its potential to attract tourists to East Cambridgeshire and enable East Cambridgeshire residents to enjoy the amenities of the district.
- Every public toilet should be accessible for people with disabilities.
- Severely disabled people and their families or carers should be able to spend time in public places confident that a Changing Places toilet is available within a reasonable enough distance not to curtail their visit.
- People with invisible disabilities should be able to use accessible toilets without fear of stigma or discrimination.

This Council resolves to:

- Review disability access to every public toilet provision in East Cambridgeshire, and where this is not in place draw up a plan for installation of disability access arrangements, or make arrangements to replace the toilet with one which can be adapted and which is within a reasonable distance from the inaccessible toilet.

- Engage with businesses and partner organisations across East Cambridgeshire to identify premises, regardless of ownership, where a Changing Places toilet could be installed; work with them to access Government grant or other funding; and ensure that any Changing Places toilets so installed are properly signposted for visitors.
- Ensure that existing public toilets are signed in line with Crohn's & Colitis UK guidance; ask town and district centre retailers and leisure outlets to do likewise with their accessible toilets; and seek advice from Crohn's & Colitis UK on the information and training this Council should provide to council staff members to enable them to understand these conditions and to prevent potential embarrassment for those who suffer with them.

Proposed by: Cllr Lorna Dupré

Seconded by: Cllr Matt Downey

- 7. ECTC Business Plan 2022/23**
- 8. Economic Development Service Delivery Plan**
- 9. Levelling-Up Fund Bid**
- 10. First Homes Interim Policy Statement**
- 11. Growth & Infrastructure Fund Criteria**
- 12. Financial Outturn Report 2021/22**
- 13. Treasury Operations Annual Performance Review**

#### **ITEMS FOR NOTING**

- 14. Assets Update**
- 15. Annual Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**
- 16. Bus, Cycle, Walk Working Party**  
To receive the Notes of the meetings of the Working Party held on 20 April 2022
- 17. Actions Taken by the Chief Executive on the Grounds of Urgency**
- 18. Forward Agenda Plan**

#### **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS**

That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the remaining items 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 items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Categories 1, 2 & 3 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

- 19. ECTC Business Plan 2022/23 – Exempt Appendix**

## 20. Appointments, Transfers, Resignations

## 21. ECTC Management Accounts

## 22. ECTC Board Minutes

To receive the Minutes of the ECTC Board meeting held on 7 March 2022

## 23. Write off of Unrecoverable Debts

## 24. Exempt Minutes – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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### NOTES:

1. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting, but due to Covid-related room capacity restrictions they are asked, where possible, to notify the Democratic Services Manager ([tracy.couper@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:tracy.couper@eastcambs.gov.uk)) in advance.

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/](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/meetings/) Please be aware that all attendees, including those in the public gallery, will be visible on the livestream.

2. Public Questions/Statements are welcomed on any topic related to the Committee'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>
3. 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 in our building or at our meetings and would ask members of the public to bring their own drink to the meeting if required.
4. Fire instructions for meetings:
  - If the fire alarm sounds please make your way out of the building by the nearest available exit i.e. the back staircase or the fire escape in the Chamber. Do not attempt to use the lifts.
  - The fire assembly point is in the front staff car park by the exit barrier.
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5. Reports are attached for each agenda item unless marked "oral".
6. 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)
7. 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).”

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