



# 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 in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NUTHOLT LANE, ELY ON THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 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.

**A minute's silence will be observed as a mark of respect following the death of former District Councillor PJ Bridge, Independent Member for Cheveley from 1973 to 1999**

## AGENDA

1. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** [oral]  
The meeting will commence with up to 15 minutes public question time
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 – 17 OCTOBER 2019**  
To confirm as a correct record
5. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** [oral]
6. **TO RECEIVE PETITIONS** [oral]

To receive a Petition of over 500 local signatures requesting East Cambridgeshire District Council to reinstate its grant to Ely Citizen's Advice Bureau:

East Cambridgeshire District Council has decided to cease its grant funding to the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) in Ely and provide the service itself. This means the CAB office may close, or its service be reduced.

- The Council does not have, and will not be seen to have, the **independence** which is essential to the service offered by the CAB, so it is probable that many people who need advice in the Ely area will be reluctant to use the Council's proposed service.
- The Council will be **wasting public funds** by employing and training staff to replace the free service provided by the CAB's many, experienced volunteers.

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

### (i) Antisemitism

East Cambridgeshire is a welcoming, safe and tolerant district; incidents of police reported hate crime are low compared with the wider Cambridgeshire Constabulary area.

Nevertheless, East Cambridgeshire District Council acknowledges with concern the Community Security Trust's (CST) 2019 report "Antisemitic Incidents January - June 2019" which cites a worrying increase of antisemitic incidents in the UK and the highest total on record in the first six months of 2019. Home Office statistics from October 2019 show that 18% of religiously motivated hatred is targeted at Jewish people, up from 12% in 2018.

East Cambridgeshire District Council is currently drafting a revised Inclusivity, Equality and Diversity scheme to replace its Single Equalities Scheme 2016 - 2020.

East Cambridgeshire District Council wishes to join with the Government and other local authorities across the UK in adopting the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism, including its associated 11 contemporary examples, as follows:

**"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."**

To guide IHRA in its work, the following examples may serve as illustrations:

Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that levelled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for "why things go wrong." It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanising, demonising, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective - such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterise Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

Council therefore resolves to:

- 1) Condemn all forms of racism in all its manifestations
- 2) Adopt the IHRA definition of antisemitism as the working model of challenging and confronting incidents of antisemitism
- 3) Include the IHRA definition in the Council's updated Inclusivity, Equality and Diversity scheme

Proposer: Cllr Anna Bailey  
Seconder: Cllr David Brown

(ii) Climate Change and Kennett Garden Village

Preamble

The Council notes with approval the decision taken on October 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 to declare a climate emergency in the East Cambs district. The Council further notes that the climate emergency should be the catalyst for changing methods, working practices and principles in order to deliver real, measurable benefits to the district and its people.

The Council understands that positive action will be required in priority areas to deliver maximum benefit as quickly as possible. The priorities for action should be those activities that have the greatest potential for creating carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions, and therefore offer the greatest opportunity for benefit if successfully addressed.

The Council accepts that the most carbon intensive activity undertaken today is in housing development and requests officers to review principles, methods and working practices in this area as a matter of urgency to ensure that measurable emission reductions are delivered without delay. The Council wishes priority focus to be given to the largest current development that is in S106 discussions. This development is the Kennett "Garden Village", which will therefore become a best practice exemplar for the future.

Actions

The Council instructs officers to review proposed actions related to Kennett in two specific areas: integrated transportation and build policy. The goal will be to identify actions that can be updated, improved and amended as a result of the climate emergency declaration. Using a real test case will make it possible to model real information, even if regulations do not permit substantive changes to this specific development.

By testing methods and identifying alternatives, we will learn lessons, develop better methods for the future and turn the climate emergency declaration into positive benefit.

*Integrated Transportation*

The Council notes that a thorough review of current and projected medium-term road traffic movements has been carried out but believes that insufficient work has been done in evaluating the likely road traffic impact of the new development, itself. The Council therefore asks officers to:

1. Evaluate the likely number of additional road vehicles passing along the B1085 once the development is complete, to reflect car ownership within the 500 housing units in the Kennett Garden Village area, together with workers and visitors to the 100 bed care home, visitors and students to the primary school and workers / visitors at the light industrial park. Having evaluated the number of new vehicle movements, officers should provide the best available estimate concerning the increase to carbon emissions caused by this increase.
2. Liaise with Highways England and the CCC Highways Department to determine whether there is any long-term plan to close the Railway Bridge at the south of the B1085 to HGVs or if the current restrictions are only temporary.
3. Clearly state whether or not the requirements set out by Network Rail regarding the car park and rail bridge close to Kennett station have been agreed by ECDC. Notably, transfer of land ownership at no charge to NR, agreement to move the car park, agreement to replace the rail bridge at developer cost.

4. Liaise with Network Rail and the rail franchisees to give a clear date by when service frequency to Kennett station, especially for Greater Anglia trains, will be at least doubled. This needs to be a commitment, not an aspiration.

#### *Build policy*

The Council notes that air pollution levels are likely to rise in the area of Kennett by an estimated 2100% as a result of building work for the development, with other factors noted in the MLM Consultancy reports.

The Council further notes that issues have been raised by the Environment Agency, Anglia Water and Heritage England concerning potential for pollution of aquifers and damage to the natural and archaeological environment.

The Council also notes that declaration of a climate emergency implies new and measurably higher build standards in order to move fast towards a zero-carbon standard. The Council therefore instructs officers to:

1. Enumerate the changes to build standards for the future that will be set for developers in order to raise build standards related to emissions, heat loss, use of materials and building methods that go above and beyond current building regulations. In simple terms, what do we wish to change as a result of the climate emergency declaration?
2. Enumerate the clear mitigations, in terms of measurable actions, to be required from developers in order to avoid the projected growth in emissions. Where legally permitted these mitigations should be applied to Kennett, where not they should be introduced for future developments.
3. Enumerate the mitigations set in place to address issues related to possible chemical pollution, damage to the natural environment and protection of aquifers.

#### *Long-term changes*

The Council notes that the climate emergency declaration will require systemic changes in the way that planning activities are carried out, and will also require better decision-making tools for officers. The Council therefore requires officers to present a strategy for upgrade, change and improvement in their own working methods and use of tools in order to accelerate the move to zero carbon development by the council and its trading companies.

#### *Temporary halt to work*

The Council instructs officers to take no major or irrevocable steps, such as issuing contracts, for work to commence at Kennett until the information requested in this motion has been presented to Full Council.

Proposer: Cllr Simon Harries

Seconder: Cllr Charlotte Cane

8. **TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS** [oral]
9. **CALL-IN OF DECISION MADE AT OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE 20 JANUARY 2020 – REVIEW OF GRANT TO CITIZEN’S ADVICE RURAL CAMBRIDGESHIRE**
  - a. **Call-in Procedure Note**
  - b. **Call-in Form**
  - c. **Report to Operational Services Committee**
  - d. **Extract of draft Minutes from Operational Services Committee**
  - e. **Update Briefing Note**
10. **SCHEDULE OF ITEMS RECOMMENDED FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEMBER BODIES:**
  - **Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2019-20 Review**
  - **Treasury Operations Mid-Year Report**

- **Annual Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy (AIS)**

**11. REVENUE BUDGET, CAPITAL STRATEGY AND COUNCIL TAX 2020/21**

*In accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, there is a statutory requirement for a recorded vote to be taken on the Budget each year.*

**12. ANGLIA REVENUES PARTNERSHIP (ARP) REVISED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**13. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2020/21**

**14. COMBINED AUTHORITY UPDATE REPORTS:**

- a. **October & November 2019**
- b. **January 2020**

To receive reports on the activities of the Combined Authority from the Council's appointee(s)

**EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

**That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of agenda item no. 15 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 3 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)**

**15. EXEMPT MINUTES – 17 OCTOBER 2019**

To confirm as a correct record.



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

To: All Members of the Council

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