

CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH JOINT STRATEGIC PLANNING & TRANSPORT MEMBER GROUP
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Aims & Activities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that a coherent approach is taken to development strategies across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and that the Duty to Co-operate is actively addressed; • To steer the development of a non-statutory spatial framework for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough to at least 2031; and • To steer the development of a long term transport strategy for Cambridgeshire covering 2012 - 2050 |
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Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
3 Members	Quarterly	No

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Representative of ECDC	No

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representatives for 2015/16
1	HoS Sustainable Growth Strategy PCC: Richard Kay	Councillor Ian Bovingdon Councillor Mike Rouse Councillor Lisa Stubbs

Report from representative(s)

Councillor Rouse reports that he has no recollection of being asked to or having attended any meetings.

Councillor Stubbs reports that she has not yet been invited to attend a meeting.

Representatives for 2016/17
Councillor Ian Bovingdon Councillor Mike Rouse Councillor Lisa Stubbs

EAST OF ENGLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Aims & Activities

- To represent the interests of local authorities in the region
- To formulate sound policies for the development of local government in the region
- To promote the policies of the East of England LGA and provide information/advice on local government issues to the public and partner organisations
- To enable Councillors to exercise their democratic accountability and leadership effectively
- To support innovation and excellence that enables local authorities and their partnerships to meet the needs of their communities and meet future challenges.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Leader of the Council	Assembly of Council Leaders – twice yearly	No

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Representative of ECDC	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2015/16
1	Chief Executive John Hill	Councillor James Palmer

Report from representative:

Discussions are usually on wider infrastructure issues and joint working opportunities.

Continued representation on this Outside Body is worthwhile because as Leader, it is useful to attend such meetings; they offer vital networking opportunities.

Representative for 2016/17
Councillor James Palmer

**GREATER CAMBRIDGE, GREATER PETERBOROUGH LOCAL ENTERPRISE
PARTNERSHIP**

Aims & Activities

- The Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership (GCGP LEP) is focused on helping to drive forward sustainable economic growth.
- Enabling the development and occupation of Alconbury Enterprise Zone in line with partners' vision for the site.
- Advocating and influencing improvements to the area's infrastructure.
- Promoting business-led skills provision and improving the readiness of school leavers.
- Promoting enterprise growth and innovation.
- Improving international promotion, increasing inward investment and exporting.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
One Member	TBA	?

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Non-voting Observer	No

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2015/16
1	Business Development Manager: Darren Hill	Councillor Lis Every

Report from representative:

The work of this Body fits in with ECDC's Corporate Aim No. 6: New jobs and funding: Driving economic success by creating the infrastructure to attract businesses and create jobs.

We are currently working on the following:

Skills

Creating the East Cambridgeshire Skills Strategy;

Creating a pool of appropriately skilled staff to meet the requirements of local businesses is a key criteria for the success of our East Cambridgeshire local economy.

At ECDC we understand the importance of having an appropriately skilled workforce ready to support our growing economy. We have now prioritised Skills, with a single ambition: for our local business needs to drive skills supply at a local level

Strategy

Working with the Skills Service of the LEP, the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Chamber of Commerce and the Cathedral Business Group, we are pulling together our own Skills Strategy Group, comprising a range of businesses, education and vocational providers, and private sector representatives:

To raise the awareness and aspirations of our potential workforce of local opportunities and training opportunities;

To use localised data and intelligence to work with our businesses and educational providers to support localised training;

To promote apprenticeships particularly in the SME sector, supported by our own ECDC apprentice scheme;

To ensure that our Employer/Schools Engagement Project is successful;

To support the provision of quality independent Information, Advice, and Guidance in our local schools.

Continued representation on this Body is worthwhile in order to work in collaboration with the LEP who are the Government funders for growth and infrastructure in the area. This enables our Economic Development Department to work on economic strategy plans and access funding to support our aims. The growth of our business community reaps funding through the business rates vital for supporting and developing the services provided in the area.

Representative for 2016/17
Councillor Lis Every

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Aims & Activities

To support, promote and improve local government in England and Wales.

To support councillors in their role as democratically elected local representatives.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
One Member	3	Attendance - Yes Travelling - No

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Representative of ECDC	No

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2015/16
1	Chief Executive: John Hill	Councillor Joshua Schumann

Report from representative:

Councillor Schumann reports that he, and an Officer from Democratic Services, have contacted the LGA to ensure that ECDC is well represented and being made aware of meetings and events. To date he has received little or no information about events/meetings and so has not been able to report any information.

Representative for 2016/17
Councillor Joshua Schumann

LGA – DISTRICT COUNCILS' NETWORK

Aims & Activities

- To lobby and negotiate directly with senior members of national political parties on district specific needs and issues – the “localism” agenda;
- To inform and influence national agencies, government departments and other local authority agencies on things that matter, such as resources and allocation;
- To get the Network’s unique message across to the audiences that matter – people, Government, partners, regulators;
- Help each other to remain effective and share learning/good practice.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Leader of the Council	4	No

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Representative of ECDC	No

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2015/16
1	Chief Executive: John Hill	Councillor James Palmer

Report from Representative:

Membership of the LGA is sufficient.

Representative for 2016/17
Councillor James Palmer

BURNT FEN INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Aims & Activities

To maintain the drainage network.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Two Members	3	By the Council

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Board Member	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative(s) for 2015/16
3	Director, Resources: Andy Radford	Councillor Derrick Beckett Councillor Julia Huffer

Report from representative(s):

Councillor Huffer reports that the Drainage Board continues to do excellent work managing the water levels and waterways which supply the many farms and related industries in the District. They are extremely well run and managed and continued support is recommended.

Representative(s) for 2016/17
Councillor Derrick Beckett Councillor Julia Huffer

CAWDLE FEN INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Aims & Activities

To maintain the drainage network.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Seven Members	3	By the Council

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Board Member	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative(s) for 2015/16
3	Director, Resources: Andy Radford	Councillor Coralie Green Councillor Elaine Griffin Singh Councillor Neil Hitchin Councillor Tom Hunt Councillor Andy Pearson Councillor Charles Roberts Councillor Mike Rouse

Report from representative(s):

The meetings are useful and informative and the Board values the presence of the District representatives

Continued representation is worthwhile. Without active drainage management much of East Cambridgeshire would be highly vulnerable to flooding. Cawdle Fen has several commercial and residential properties as well as valuable agricultural land which could be severely adversely affected without drainage management. The proposed Southern Bypass crosses Cawdle Fen. All new building or change of use on Cawdle Fen would have to consider drainage implications, Council involvement is therefore important.

At the meeting in February the "pence in the pound" rate was discussed and it was agreed to raise it from 7p to 8p, to be introduced from 1st April 2016 and to be reviewed annually. This raises the Special levy paid by ECDC from £17,797 in 2015/16 to £20,021 in 2016/17.

Representative(s) for 2016/17
Councillor Coralie Green Councillor Elaine Griffin Singh Councillor Neil Hitchin Councillor Tom Hunt Councillor Andy Pearson Councillor Charles Roberts Councillor Mike Rouse

HADDENHAM LEVEL INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Aims & Activities

To maintain the drainage network.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Two Members	3	By the Council

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Board Member	To be confirmed

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representatives for 2015/16
3	Director, Resources: Andy Radford	Councillor Steve Cheetham Councillor Stuart Smith

Report from representative(s):

ECDC is committed to ensuring that East Cambridgeshire continues to be a district where people want to live, work and visit and ensuring flood defences are maintained is a critical element of this commitment.

Issues were discussed which had a potential impact on ECDC, including non-consented ditch filling at Vipans Farm, Haddenham and a survey of slackers was completed (exception Chambers), which are critical to the prevention of flooding in the area. The Flood Risk Management Plan has been published.

This is a precepting body with the duty of protecting the Haddenham & Aldreth area from flooding and providing irrigation for agriculture. The meetings give a real insight into issues affecting agriculture.

The Flood Risk Management Plan has been published; the Drainage Board consults with the Environment Agency and Health & Safety.

Under the provisions of the Land Drainage Act 1991, Council Members have to be appointed to these outside bodies.

Representatives for 2016/17
Councillor Steve Cheetham Councillor Stuart Smith

LITTLEPORT AND DOWNHAM INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Aims & Activities

To maintain the drainage network.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Six Members	3	By the Council

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Board Member	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representatives for 2015/16
3	Director, Resources: Andy Radford	Councillor Christine Ambrose Smith Councillor David Ambrose Smith Councillor Mike Bradley Councillor Paul Cox Councillor Mike Rouse Councillor Jo Webber

Report from representatives:

Councillor Webber reports that the first and only meeting she has attended so far, was taken over by a presentation by the Environment Agency (EA) which discussed areas susceptible to flooding and flood alleviation measures that had been taken.

It is essential that the drainage system is run efficiently to ensure that the risk of flooding in the City of Ely, the surrounding villages, towns and the rural areas is kept to an absolute minimum. This will safeguard jobs and assist in continuing to make East Cambridgeshire a great place to live. Many of the members of the IDB are farmers who assist with reporting flood areas that need addressing along the river banks to reduce the risk of flooding, and there were a number of questions for the EA representative. The IDB Drainage Engineer, Andrew Newton, gave a short report for the last quarter. It is important to ensure that owners of land that should be paying drainage charges to the IDB are identified, and there does, at times, seem to be some difficulty in getting the payments and identifying owners.

Apart from approving the budget, items of interest have included:

- A report by the Environmental Agency on the outflow at Denver Sluice and beyond. Due to recent high water volume the risk of flooding has been reduced to approximately 1 in 120 years;
- The river depth measured in the middle of the river and sand bar at the side of the river bank do not count, which is why people perceive the River Ouse to be shallower than reported.

It is important that ECDC is kept informed of any actions required or funding needed to ensure that the risk of flooding in the District is mitigated with a robust flood alleviation plan. Whilst it is

important to have representation on all the IDB's, it is questionable whether it is necessary to have six District Council representatives on this Board.

Councillor David Ambrose Smith has remarked that ECDC should always be aware of the important work the IDB's do on behalf of the area. He suggests that possibly fewer Councillors should cover all of the IDB's, in a role similar to ECDC's current Service Champions.

Councillor Christine Ambrose Smith believes that continued representation is worthwhile, but more experience and knowledge is required by Councillors.

Representatives for 2016/17
Councillor Christine Ambrose Smith
Councillor David Ambrose Smith
Councillor Mike Bradley
Councillor Paul Cox
Councillor Mike Rouse
Councillor Jo Webber

MIDDLE FEN AND MERE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Aims & Activities

To maintain the drainage network.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Five Members	3	By the Council

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Board Member	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representatives for 2015/16
3	Director, Resources: Andy Radford	Councillor Derrick Beckett Councillor Ian Bovingdon Councillor James Palmer Councillor Hamish Ross Councillor Dan Schumann

Report from representative(s):

Topics for discussion have included efficient finance, management of land drainage and flood drainage, planning applications received, the Engineer's report, and Group plant/labour rates.

ECDC is an area that has agriculture as a primary employer and contributor.

The Board is a well run, vital cog in the daily lives of the people of our District.

The work of the IDB provides essential flood protection for the District, and is fundamental to our local agriculture; therefore representation of ECDC on this Body is essential.

Representatives for 2016/17
Councillor Derrick Beckett Councillor Ian Bovingdon Councillor James Palmer Councillor Hamish Ross Councillor Dan Schumann

PADNAL & WATERDEN INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Aims & Activities

To maintain the drainage network.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Seven Members	3	By the Council

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Board Member	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representatives for 2015/16
3	Director, Resources: Andy Radford	Councillor David Ambrose Smith Councillor Paul Cox Councillor Lis Every Councillor Tom Hunt Councillor Carol Sennitt Councillor Lisa Stubbs Vacancy

Report from representative(s):

Councillor Stubbs reports that, along with 4 fellow Councillors, she attended an introductory Internal Drainage Board meeting.

Councillor Sennitt believes that continued representation is worthwhile, but the current number of representatives could be reduced to possibly one or two District Councillors.

Topics for discussion have included the management of land drainage and floods, and budgets/expense.

Representatives for 2016/17
Councillor David Ambrose Smith Councillor Paul Cox Councillor Lis Every Councillor Tom Hunt Councillor Carol Sennitt Councillor Lisa Stubbs Vacancy

SWAFFHAM INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Aims & Activities

To maintain the drainage network.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
*Four Members	3	By Council

*Four Councillors, plus one nominee jointly with South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC makes the joint appointment by reciprocal agreement of June 1990, whereby East Cambridgeshire District Council makes the joint appointment to Waterbeach Level IDB). Appointments are for three years.

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Board Member	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representatives for 2015/16
3	Director, Resources: Andy Radford	Councillor Allen Alderson Councillor Michael Allan Councillor Lavinia Edwards Councillor Mathew Shuter

Report from representative(s):

The work of the Internal Drainage Board is vital to be able to plan growth and development in the District.

Items for discussion/consideration have included setting the levy for the financial year, and the management of drainage.

Continued representation on this Outside Body is worthwhile for Strategic Planning.

Councillor Alderson was unable to attend the meetings due to ill health.

Representatives for 2016/17
Councillor Allen Alderson Councillor Michael Allan Councillor Lavinia Edwards Councillor Mathew Shuter

WATERBEACH LEVEL INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Aims & Activities

To maintain the drainage network.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
*One Member	3	By the Council

*One Councillor, jointly with South Cambridgeshire District Council (East Cambridgeshire makes the appointment by reciprocal agreement of June 1990, whereby South Cambridgeshire District Council makes the joint appointment to Swaffham IDB). IDB appointments are for three years.

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Board Member	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2015/16
3	Director, Resources: Andy Radford	Councillor David Chaplin

Report from representative:

The drainage of developments into the Anglia waterways catchment has been one of the topics for discussion.

Continued representation on this Body is worthwhile because the Drainage Board brings to the Council's attention issues with the drainage of developments and waste water treatment and storm water management within the District.

Representative for 2016/17
Councillor David Chaplin