



East Cambridgeshire  
District Council

# Corporate actions

## July 2023 to July 2024

### Sound financial management

#### Priorities

Ensure the Council is financially sustainable.  
Minimise the financial (cost) impact of the Council on its residents.  
Be more commercial, but within reason - 'commercial for community'.

#### Actions

Council to approve the 2024/25 budget and Medium Term Financial Plan in February 2024 only increasing Council Tax as a last resort.  
Provide loan financing to ECTC to enable it to deliver the Eden Square development from the £7.5m agreed by Council.  
Undertake a review of the Planning Service to improve the customer journey, identify efficiencies to mitigate service demand and increased costs and increase timely decision making.

### Cleaner, greener East Cambridgeshire

#### Priorities

Improve the public realm.  
Reduce environmental crime across the district.  
Enhance the natural environment and build on our sustainability goals.  
Design a resilient waste and street cleansing service fit for the future.

#### Actions

Run a 'Love your Street' campaign, with improved cleansing schedules.  
Improve the look and feel of the city and town centres, including replacement street furniture.  
Approve an Environmental Crime Action Plan by December 2023.  
Deliver the top 20 actions in the Council's 2023 Environment Plan, including Pride of Place Grant Scheme, solar investment and increased community engagement on the natural environment.  
Approve the 2024 Environment Plan.  
Commence preliminary work and consultation on a new 'climate' chapter for the new Local Plan and include a Local Plan funding allocation in the Council's 2024/25 budget.  
Meet the milestones of the Street Smart Project, including implementation of a new digital service for waste.  
Bring forward proposals for the waste collection service to prepare for the introduction of the Environment Act 2021.

### Sustainable communities

#### Priorities

Support our residents to live happy and healthy lives.  
Support our businesses to thrive in East Cambridgeshire.  
Improve our roads and local transport.  
Deliver genuinely affordable housing that enables people to live and work locally.  
Invest in community infrastructure.

#### Actions

Spend up to £2 million investing in energy efficiency measures for non-gas homes in East Cambridgeshire, as part of a wider £10 million Cambridgeshire Energy Retrofit Partnership (CERP).  
Bring forward a health and wellbeing strategy and action plan to dovetail with the priorities of the Integrated care systems (ICS) and regional health strategies.  
Support local businesses via the Shared Prosperity Fund Business Growth Fund and Local Enterprise Support Scheme.  
Work with Sustrans to produce a further 5 route feasibility studies and further develop existing studies.  
Engage with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) Bus Network Review.  
Work with CPCA and partners to deliver improvements to road and rail infrastructure, including support for the A14/A142 junction upgrade at Exning and A10 Ely to A14 improvements scheme, support local rail improvements including Soham Railway Station phase 2 and champion improvements and repairs to East Cambridgeshire roads.  
Oppose the introduction of congestion charging in Cambridge to protect our residents.  
Support Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Road Safety Police Volunteer scheme.  
Continue to support existing Community Land Trusts (CLTs) across the district and work with communities to establish and develop new CLTs.  
Launch the application process for the Eden Square £100k Homes.  
Consider the full business plan for a crematorium in Mepal.