



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

Corporate actions

2025 to 2026

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 2026/27 budget and Medium Term Financial Plan in February 2026 only increasing Council Tax as a last resort.

Work with other councils in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough region to ensure the transition to any new local government structures delivers the most financially sustainable outcomes for East Cambridgeshire residents possible.

Engage proactively with the Fair Funding Review process, assessing potential impacts on the council's income and planning accordingly to safeguard services and investment in the district

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

Deliver the Climate and Nature Top 20 actions for 2025/26 including a focus on nature improvements, reducing our carbon emissions, and adapting to a changing climate.

Implement a new waste and recycling collection service for residents from June 2026.

Support the development of a network of Agricultural Reservoirs across East Cambridgeshire.

Produce a plan setting out how we will become a net zero council by 2036.

Improve the look and feel of the city and town centres, including replacement street furniture.

Secure funding for PV panels at the Bereavement Centre.

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

Allocate the £100k Homes at Kennett.

Support local businesses via our UK Shared Prosperity and Rural England Prosperity Business Grant Funds.

Further develop the council's Sustrans feasibility schemes for the Ely to Soham and Burwell to Fordham routes.

Continue to work with partners to deliver the actions in the council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Work with CPCA and partners to deliver improvements to active travel, road and rail infrastructure, including bus franchising, the BP Witchford Road Non-Motorised User (NMTU) crossing, A10 Ely to A14 improvements scheme, support local rail improvements including Soham Railway Station phase 2.

Continue to support existing Community Land Trusts (CLTs) across the district and work with communities to establish and develop new CLTs.

Open the Bereavement Centre.

Develop an Inclusive Play Strategy.

Provide match funding to parishes producing Neighbourhood Plans of up to £5,000 per parish.

East Cambs Trading Company will complete the development at Arbour Square, Ely, which will deliver 27 homes (100%) affordable housing as social rent properties.