



A meeting of **HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL** will be held in the **CIVIC SUITE (LANCASTER / STIRLING ROOMS), PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN** on **THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2026** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

To elect a Chair of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

2. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 22)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25th February 2026.

3. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive from Members declarations as to disclosable pecuniary, other registerable and non-registerable interests in relation to any Agenda item. See Notes below.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

To appoint a Vice-Chair of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

5. LOCAL ELECTIONS - 7TH MAY 2026 (Pages 23 - 26)

To receive a report by the Returning Officer summarising the results of the District Council elections held on 7th May 2026.

6. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

To elect the Executive Leader of the Council.

(NB: The Executive Leader is elected by the Council from among its membership for a four year term or until the Member's term of office comes to an end as a Councillor, he/she resigns from office or he/she is removed from office by the Council).

7. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET AND DEPUTY EXECUTIVE LEADER

The Executive Leader to announce the names of

- a) a maximum of nine Councillors who shall be Members of the Cabinet;
and
- b) a Deputy Executive Leader who shall be a Member of the Cabinet.

(NB: The Deputy Executive Leader is appointed by the Executive Leader until the end of the term of office of the Executive Leader, they resign from the office or they are removed from office by the Executive Leader)

8. REPRESENTATION OF POLITICAL GROUPS ON DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEES ETC.

To consider a report by the Elections and Democratic Services Manager on the representation of political groups on Committees and Panels in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the District Council's Constitution

Report to follow

9. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS

To appoint to:

- i. Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Growth) 12 Members
- ii. Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environment, Communities and Partnerships) 12 Members

10. COMMITTEES

To appoint to:

Development Management Committee (to include 1 Member of the Cabinet)	16 Members
Corporate Governance Committee	7 Members
Licensing and Protection Committee (to include 1 Member of the Cabinet)	12 Members
Licensing Committee (to include 1 Member of the Cabinet)	12 Members
Employment Committee (to include 1 Member of the Cabinet)	8 Members
Senior Officers Committee (4 Members of the Council and the relevant Executive Councillor in relation to the post to be filled)	4 Members
Appeals Sub-Group (a pool of Members from which the Elections and Democratic Services Manager is authorised to convene a meeting of the Appeals Sub-Committee comprising up to 5 Members [excluding Members of the Employment Committee and the Senior Officers Committee] to determine appeals under the Council's disciplinary and appeals procedure).	15 Members

11. CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING GROUP

To appoint seven Members to a Constitution Review Working Group. The Review Working Group will report to the Corporate Governance Committee.

12. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS (Pages 27 - 34)

To appoint/nominate members to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combine Authority for the municipal year 2026/27.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

Motion from Councillor R Martin.

This Council Notes:

- The recent local elections held on 7 May 2026, which have returned a new mandate from the residents of Huntingdonshire.
- The ongoing Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) process across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and that the government consultation has ended regarding the future of single-tier unitary councils in the region.
- That on 24 November 2025, the previous Cabinet approved the submission of Option E to the government.
- That Option E proposes the creation of three new unitary councils, specifically establishing Huntingdonshire as a standalone unitary authority, while considering the future of Tempsford New Town.
- That competing proposals submitted by other authorities—most notably Option D—threaten to fracture Huntingdonshire.

This Council Believes:

- That a standalone Huntingdonshire authority (Option E) remains the most robust, evidence-led, and financially sustainable model to replace the current two-tier system, bringing decision-making closer to our communities.
- Options A and B, while keeping Huntingdonshire in one piece, do not represent the best options for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and would risk the potential of Project FAIRFAX and Tempsford to support future growth.
- That Huntingdonshire possesses a distinct heritage, a strong community identity, and recognised economic boundaries that must not be diluted or divided.
- That our district is a regional engine for growth—serving as an emerging international defence powerhouse and a key strategic hub within the Oxford-Cambridge Growth Corridor. Fragmenting the district would risk stalling this vital economic growth.
- That smaller, more locally focused councils are best equipped to deliver efficient public services and strengthen the crucial focus on community health and prevention.

This Council Resolves:

1. To formally reaffirm its unwavering support for Option E as the best choice for Local Government Reorganisation in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
2. To reject splitting Huntingdonshire boundaries and categorically oppose any LGR proposals, including Option D, that seek to carve up Huntingdonshire's historic and administrative boundaries.
3. To instruct the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders to write immediately to the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution and our local MPs, outlining this newly elected Council's reaffirmed mandate for Option E as the government deliberates its consultation findings.

14. COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE AND EXPENSES INFORMATION 2025/26
(Pages 35 - 40)

To note the Councillors Attendance and Expenses Information for 2025/26

13 day of May 2026

Michelle Sacks

Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and other Registerable and Non-Registerable Interests.

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HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the COUNCIL held in CIVIC SUITE (LANCASTER / STIRLING ROOMS), PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN on Wednesday, 25 February 2026.

PRESENT: Councillor D B Dew – Chair.

Councillors T Alban, B S Banks, M L Beuttell, A Blackwell, M J Burke, E R Butler, S Bywater, J R Catmur, S Cawley, B S Chapman, J Clarke, S J Conboy, S J Corney, A E Costello, S J Criswell, L Davenport-Ray, S W Ferguson, I D Gardener, C M Gleadow, J A Gray, K P Gulson, J E Harvey, M A Hassall, P J Hodgson-Jones, S A Howell, N J Hunt, A R Jennings, P A Jordan, M Kadewere, P Kadewere, D N Keane, J E Kerr, C Lowe, R Martin, S R McAdam, B A Mickelburgh, D L Mickelburgh, S Mokbul, J Neish, Dr M Pickering, B M Pitt, T D Sanderson, D J Shaw, R A Slade, I P Taylor, D Terry, C H Tevlin, S Wakeford and N Wells.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors R J Brereton and S L Taylor.

65. THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Reverend Leo Orobor, of All Saints Church in Huntingdon, opened the meeting with a thought for the day

66. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on the 17th December 2025 and 14th January 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

67. MEMBERS INTERESTS'

No declarations were received.

68. CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Council noted those engagements attended by the Chair and Vice-Chair since the last meeting (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book).

Having noted that it was the last full Council meeting prior to the District Council elections on 7th May 2026, the Chair invited the Executive Leader, Councillor Conboy to address the Chamber.

The Executive Leader, Councillor S J Conboy, paid tribute to Councillor D Dew who was not re-standing for election and particularly reflected on his previous time in Cabinet, his role as Chair of Development Management Committee and more recently as Chair of the Council. Following which, Councillor Conboy reflected on the past four years of the joint administration and the collaborative work undertaken by the chamber over that time.

The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor R Martin, addressed the Chamber also paying tribute to Councillor Dew and his role as ward councillor over the past 22 years. Tribute was also paid to Councillor S Criswell, who was also not standing for election, reflecting particularly on his previous time in Cabinet, his role as Chair of Overview and Scrutiny and also as Licensing Chair. A moments silence was held in memory of former Councillor Graham Welton who had passed away during the term of this administration.

The Deputy Leader and Executive Councillor for Planning, Councillor T D Sanderson, addressed the floor, paying tribute to Councillor Dew and reflecting upon his personal memories during their shared time as District Councillors. Sentiments which were echoed by Councillor S Wakeford, the Executive Councillor for Economy, Regeneration and Housing.

69. PETITION

The Chair invited Parish Councillors Robert Guinea, Paul Boothman and Ruth Southworth to present a petition submitted on behalf of 843 signatures regarding concerns around the implications of the recent Local Plan Preferred Options consultation.

The petition statement was as follows:

“Pause the Huntingdonshire District Council Local Plan

We are deeply concerned about the implications of the current Local Plan for Huntingdonshire, driven by a pressing need to protect our quality of life. If the plan proceeds without necessary amendments, our beloved community faces the risk of merging towns and villages into a concentrated, doughnut shaped sprawling conurbation. This not only threatens the character of Huntingdonshire but also places immense pressure on our infrastructure.

Potential Consequences of the Current Plan:

- ❖ Essential services, including roads, water, power, and sewage systems, are at risk of becoming overstretched—impacting daily life.
- ❖ Water resources could suffer, with potential rationing of less than 90 litres per day per person. Furthermore, river pollution could escalate if housing developments outpace necessary infrastructure improvements.
- ❖ The loss of prime farmland and devastating damage to Great Ouse Valley's scenic landscapes.
- ❖ Unsustainable commuting patterns to Cambridge and Bedfordshire will lead to increased congestion and pollution.
- ❖ A perception that the decision-making process lacks

transparency and breadth of public engagement.

Given these serious concerns, we the undersigned petition Huntingdonshire District Council to:

Pause the Local Plan (Update 2046) until the boundaries of the new Unitary Authority are precisely defined and understood, ensuring decisions are made with complete context. Other Councils have already done this.

Challenge the Inflated Housing Target, taking inspiration from successful challenges undertaken by other councils. Reducing expected targets could limit over-development pressure on the community.

Rely on Real Evidence, Not Assumptions: Conduct comprehensive infrastructure studies that examine the true capabilities and limit of current systems. Secure necessary funding prior to committing to large scale developments.

Our community's future depends on careful, participatory, and evidence-based planning rather than rushed approvals. Let us safeguard Huntingdonshire's unique character, wellbeing, and resources for current and future generations. Help us champion a local plan that reflects our shared values and needs."

The Parish Councillors addressed the Chamber expressing their opinion that the six week public consultation period pre Christmas was too short. They noted that they were not opposed to the Plan in principle and noted it's many merits for Huntingdonshire and her residents, however they also felt that there were significant weaknesses in the Plan which they noted. They expressed concern that what they felt to be unresolved issues would resurface at the examination stage, potentially leading the Planning Inspector to find the Plan unsound. They stated that they were asking for the process to be paused now to avoid greater delays in the future by addressing the gaps in evidence within the Plan to truly reflect the best interests of Huntingdonshire.

In addressing the chamber, Councillor D Keane thanked those involved with the petition for their hard work and engagement with the community. The Councillor noted the importance of scrutiny in the Plan and noted that were it not to be adopted prior to the implementation of Local Government Review (LGR) it may be affected and amended by the resulting Unitary Authority creating a long-term risk for the residents and businesses of Huntingdonshire. He ended by questioning the petitioners on their expectations if the Plan were to be paused. In response, the petitioners advised that in their opinion the pause could be used to complete the vital infrastructure and viability work to bring a full evidence base in support of the Plan. They highlighted concerns of the Planning Inspector at the examination of the previous Local Plan in 2018 due to the proximity of two proposed sites. They expressed further concern that the proposed new sites in the new Plan did not utilise the recently improved infrastructure of the improved A14, A1307 or A1M. They further stated that the public consultation for the Local Plan following a public consultation for the 141 had created confusion for the general

public and as such a robust public consultation for the Local Plan had not been undertaken.

Councillor N J Hunt drew attention to Huntingdon being in tilted balance following changes to local housing targets by the Government, in part due to the context of the wider housing crisis, and noted that this tilted balance enabled speculative development without the supporting infrastructure, and that opposing the Local Plan would keep the district in tilted balance for longer. He questioned the petitioners on how they felt Huntingdon should deal with this issue should the Plan be paused and what harm they felt this would bring to the District. The petitioners responded that in their opinion not pausing the Plan would potentially prolong the tilted balance were the Inspector to find the Plan unsound.

It was questioned, by Councillor L Davenport-Ray, whether all of the 843 signatories lived or worked in Huntingdonshire, to which the petitioners responded that they were confident the majority did. They also stated that their influence had reached further than just the signatories, having presented to 11 town and parish councils, campaigned at St Ives Farmers Market and having handed out thousands of leaflets on the matter.

The Executive Councillor for Planning, Councillor T D Sanderson, formally received the petition and thanked the petitioners for their hard work in creating and gaining support for the petition. Councillor Sanderson further acknowledged that the Council had been in tilted balance since December 2024 due to the Government's new and increased housing targets and that the Council no longer had a 5 year supply of housing land which made it difficult for the Council to reject planning applications. It was the Executive Councillors view that should the Plan be paused this situation would be prolonged and may result in decisions which some parish councils may find disagreeable. He further noted the hard work and dedication from officers and elected members in progressing the Local Plan to this point since 2023 and noted that several public consultations had been carried out over that time encompassing a number of themes. It was also stated that the Plan must be submitted by the Governments deadline of 31st December 2026.

In conclusion, Councillor Sanderson advised that a formal response would be given to the petitioners outside of the meeting and recognised how that fit in line with LGR. He noted that the Council had voted for Option E, a standalone Huntingdonshire, and that the Council had a Plan to manage and support growth within Huntingdonshire. Furthermore, he noted that all documents relating to the development of the Local Plan could be seen on the Councils website.

70. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No formal public questions were submitted for consideration at the meeting of the Council.

71. FINAL 2026/27 BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (2027/28 TO 2029/30) INCLUDING CAPITAL PROGRAMME

In conjunction with a report by the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources and a PowerPoint presentation (copies of which are appended in the Minute Book), Councillor B A Mickelburgh, Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources presented to Members the 2026/27 Budget, the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for the period 2027/28 to 2030/31, the Fees and Charges Schedule for 2026/27, the Treasury Management Strategy, the Capital Strategy, the Investment Strategy, the Annual Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement for 2026/27 and other associated matters for the Council's consideration and approval.

In accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Local Finance Act 1992, the Council also considered proposals for levels of Council Tax in 2026/27 for various parts of Huntingdonshire District.

By way of introduction, the Executive Councillor introduced the report, confirmed that the Section 151 Officer was satisfied with the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of the reserves and reflected upon the previous four years of the administration.

Councillor A R Jennings proposed that the amendment as published alongside the agenda and presented to members (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), be moved and reserved his right to speak. This amendment, was then presented to the Chamber, following which it was seconded by Councillor R Martin.

The ensuing debate related to the proposed amendment, during which, Councillor B S Chapman observed that the proposed amendment included a free first hour of car parking but reflected that the Council had previously implemented a parking strategy which encouraged a longer dwell time in order to benefit High Streets and local businesses and that due to the location of many town centre carparks the impacts of this carparking amend would be minimal.

Councillor B Mickelburgh observed that the proposed amendment had some attractive sounding propositions but would not be sustainable, particularly in the uncertain future of LGR. He noted in particular that the garden bin waste subscription service was paying for itself and that any freezes to the Council Tax would have a lasting impact on the MTFS to the detriment of public services.

The Executive Councillor for Climate, Transformation and Workforce, Councillor L Davenport-Ray, agreed with the comments made by Councillor Mickelburgh and stated that she was not prepared to leave a legacy of underfunded budget assumptions which would create an obvious and predictable deficit in year one. She further commented that the proposed amendments effects on staff pay threatened the morale of Council officers and were insensitive particularly in the current period of uncertainty of the shadow of LGR.

Councillor P J Hodgson-Jones spoke in support of the amendment and focused his debate on the proposed changes to carparking, noting that they would be of benefit to the whole district and sought to

increase footfall for town centre businesses, which in turn would increase the desirability of those locations and result an increased income from related Business Rates. He concluded by summarising that the amendment would seek to lower costs to residents, thereby improving the lives of residents.

In addressing the chamber, Councillor T Alban highlighted that the amendment also sought to increase funding for planning enforcement across the district which he felt would be of benefit to the district. A sentiment which was echoed by Councillor S Cawley who observed that planning enforcement rules were unviable if there was no mechanism to enforce them. He continued that whilst the proposed amendment did affect the MTFs, however this amount would be offset by opportunities identified within the proposal and that the net effect would strengthen future reserves. He noted the concerns of the Section 151 Officer but felt that it was the role of the chamber to weigh that advice against the mandate and priorities of the residents.

Councillor Sanderson advised that the planning enforcement service had greatly improved over the current administration having addressed a considerable backlog post COVID. He went on to highlight that Sawtry swimming pool was being reopened, having closed during the previous administration, and the future projects of the Huntingdon Health Hub.

It was corrected, by Councillor S Bywater, that an alternative operator had taken over Sawtry swimming pool under the previous administration and that they had been unable to reopen following COVID. He continued by noting the significant impact on residents due to increases to Council Tax, which were felt all the more due to the cost of living crisis.

Councillor Hunt felt that the hard working staff of the Council deserved to be recognised for their dedication and hard work with a fair pay. He noted that the proposed freeze on Council Tax was unachievable and questioned, should the Conservatives be part of the future administration, how long such a freeze would remain.

The achievements of the current administration were noted by Councillor M A Hassall, in particular the turnaround to profit making for One Leisure. He further noted that the CPCA Mayor had plans to implement free car parking across the district so queried why there was any need to accommodate it within the proposals. He also noted that it would be prudent to follow the advice of the Section 151 Officer so would therefore not be supporting the amendment.

The Executive Councillor for Resident Services and Corporate Performance, Councillor S W Ferguson, noted that the current administration had implemented changes to Council Tax Support to the benefit of the poorest members of the district and was proud of the progress made in supporting vulnerable residents. A sentiment which was echoed by Councillor S Wakeford, who reflected that, in his view, the opposition had had very different views on increases to Council Tax and was mindful that many of the points in the proposed amendment was unsubstantiated and rather wearing.

In addressing the chamber, Councillor J A Gray clarified the Council

Tax amends in the proposed amendment but noted that the introduction of a green bin waste subscription fee was essentially an increase to payments made to the Council by residents, in addition to Council Tax Bills. He noted the comments of the Section 151 Officer but highlighted that this did not mean that the amendment was not reasonable, more that the proposed Budget was preferable.

In summarising the debate, Councillor Martin, made some corrections to inaccuracies during the debate, clarifying that there were no suggested changes to staffing so there would not be additional costs incurred however he observed that the proposed budget included the addition of a Community Safety Officer which would be an increased cost. He further noted that the proposed pay increase within the amendment would be higher than 4 of the previous 5 pay increases which he felt to be prudent given the current rate of inflation. He further noted that whilst the issue of outstanding enforcement cases had been addressed, a good deal of those cases had been addressed during the previous administration but due to a system issue had not been correctly recorded as closed. He echoed Councillor Gray's comments that the opinion of the Section 151 Officer should be respected but did not have to be adhered to, as the Council had previously demonstrated in December 2025, he felt that today's decision should be a political decision based upon the best interests of residents and the balance of information, including the opinion of the Section 151 Officer.

Following debate the amendment in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 the following Members voted for, against or abstained from the Motion – To provide one hour free parking in all council short term car parks, to reduce the garden waste subscription, to provide additional funding for planning enforcement and handyman services, whilst freezing council tax and increasing the future financial stability reserve over the course of the MTF5.

For the Motion (18) – *Councillors Alban, Beuttell, Butler, Bywater, Cawley, Clarke, Corney, Costello, Criswell, Gardener, Gray, Gulson, Hodgson-Jones, Jennings, Keane, Lowe, Martin, Neish*

Against the Motion (32) – *Councillors Banks, Blackwell, Burke, Catmur, Chapman, Conboy, Davenport-Ray, Dew, Ferguson, Gleadow, Harvey, Hassall, Howell, Hunt, Jordan, Kadewere M, Kadewere P, Kerr, McAdam, Mickelburgh B, Mickelburgh D, Mokbul, Pickering, Pitt, Sanderson, Shaw, Slade, Taylor I, Terry, Tevlin, Wakeford, Wells*

Abstentions (0) – *None*

Following the conclusion of the recorded vote, the amendment was declared to be LOST.

In returning to the debate and discussion to the substantive motion, the Leader of the Opposition addressed the Council again. In doing so, Councillor Martin reflected that residents put a huge amount of trust in their Councillors when making decisions on the budget. He commented that the budget was not simply a balancing of accounts but a statement of intent and that the money discussed in the report

represented the hard earned money of the district's residents and businesses. He reflected on the increase in expenditure over the past six years and queried whether the same increase in value for residents was being returned. In conclusion he stated that the proposed budget was lacking ambition with no roadmap to the future of a leaner more agile authority.

Councillor Alban reflected upon his time as a District Councillor and the budgets of the previous Conservative administrations, the prudence of which had allowed for the good things which the Council were able to implement now.

In addressing the chamber, Councillor Hunt stated that he was proud to support the proposed budget, he reflected on the term of the administration and the improvements which had been made to the Council's finances over that period and was proud of the difference which the administration had been able to make to those living and working within the district.

The Executive Councillor for Governance and Democratic Services, Councillor J E Harvey, also reflected upon the positive improvements made by the administration over its four years and the work undertaken to improve the Council's internal audit system and scrutiny processes that has since taken place. She concluded that by supporting the proposed budget would allow for further robustness and improvements by Officers in governance and democratic processes.

Councillor S A Howell, the Executive Councillor for Leisure and Health, reflected on the improvements made by the Leisure service over the previous four years and that by supporting the proposed budget would allow for further growth and improvements in that area.

Councillor I P Taylor was in support of the proposed budget in particular noting that there was no increase to carparking charges and that the proposals would allow for further improvement works to pathways in parks.

The Executive Councillor for Parks and Countryside, Waste and Street Scene, Councillor J E Kerr reflected on the positive improvements within the Countryside and Waste services and how the proposed budget would support sustainability in these areas.

Councillor Gray stated, that in his opinion, there were still questions to be addressed in relation to the internal audit of the accounts and that he did not feel the proposed budget highlighted any additional projects to justify the additional income therefore he would be unable to support it.

Councillor Ferguson reflected on the business as usual work undertaken by council Officers on a daily basis and the real positive impact that this made to the lives of residents, in particular the reintroduction of full Council Tax Support.

Councillor Hodgson-Jones observed that more money did not necessarily mean better quality services, but that that would come with good policies and planning. He further questioned why more

money was being put into reserves without an obvious purpose as well as questioning the value for money which would be provided in the future.

In addressing the chamber, Councillor Sanderson reflected upon the improvements and achievements made within the planning service during the tenure of the current joint administration in particular the distribution of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding.

Councillor B Pitt reflected upon his personal experiences as a District Councillor and the notable achievements of the current joint administration, concluding that he was in support of the proposed budget.

Councillor Wakeford addressed the Chamber noting that with the proposed budget, the future administration would be able to tackle employment and housing within the district and would reinforce the economic development work to support residents and local businesses.

Councillor Jennings spoke to the chamber and noted that he was somewhat disappointed that Councillors had not taken full advantage of opportunities to scrutinise the proposed budget through the Council's Scrutiny process. He further noted that he could not support the proposed budget most notably due to the increase in costs without any obvious project or spend associated to it particularly in light of the forthcoming LGR.

The Executive Leader then addressed the chamber, reflecting upon budgets from the previous administration and also upon the budgets from the current administration which had addressed deficits from previous years. She thanked the Section 151 Officer and her predecessors for their support over the tenure of the current administration and was pleased to support and present a balanced budget to the Council for its approval.

Finally, in drawing the debate to a close, the Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources took the opportunity to respond to several points which had been made earlier in the debate concerning the reasonableness of the Council Tax increase and the value for money that the proposed budget would provide.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 the following Members voted for, against or abstained from the Motion as contained within the report now submitted -

For the Motion (32) – *Councillors Banks, Blackwell, Burke, Catmur, Chapman, Conboy, Davenport-Ray, Dew, Ferguson, Gleadow, Harvey, Hassall, Howell, Hunt, Jordan, Kadewere M, Kadewere P, Kerr, McAdam, Mickelburgh B, Mickelburgh D, Mokbul, Pickering, Pitt, Sanderson, Shaw, Slade, Taylor I, Terry, Tevlin, Wakeford, Wells*

Against the Motion (18) – *Alban, Beuttell, Butler, Bywater, Cawley, Clarke, Corney, Costello, Criswell, Gardener, Gray, Gulson, Hodgson-Jones, Jennings, Keane, Lowe, Martin, Neish*

Abstentions (0) - *None*

It having, been previously moved and seconded, and upon having being put to a recorded vote, it was

RESOLVED

that the overall budget 2026/27 as set out within the report be approved,

that the 2026/27 – 2029/30 Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 2b be approved,

that the Band D Council Tax rate for Huntingdonshire be set at £170.86 representing a £5 (3.01%) increase to the current charge,

that the Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2027/28 – 2029/30, Capital Strategy, Investment Strategy and Treasury Management Strategy be approved,

that the Council Tax Resolution as set out in Appendix B be approved,

that the statement of the Section 151 Officer on the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of the Council's reserves as set out in Appendix 9 be endorsed,

that the fees and charges 2026/27 as set out in Annexe B1 and B2 be noted; and

that the proposals for the setting of future parking charges and proposals within the main body of the report now submitted be noted.

72. ADJOURNMENT

At 10pm, it was

RESOLVED

that the meeting stand adjourned.

Upon resumption at 10.16pm

(At 10pm Councillor B Chapman left the meeting and did not return)

73. PAY POLICY STATEMENT

In compliance with the requirements of Sections 38-43 of the Localism Act 2011, Councillor L Daveport-Ray, the Executive Councillor for Climate, Transformation and Workforce, presented a report by the Human Resources and Organisational Development Manager (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) in connection with the District Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2026/27.

The Statement, which is required to be approved by Council by 31st

March 2026 and produced annually, details the Council's policies relating to Officer remuneration.

Having noted that the Statement had been endorsed by the Employment Committee at their meeting on the 11th February 2026, it, was moved by Councillor Davenport-Ray, duly seconded by Councillor Conboy and

RESOLVED

that the Pay Policy Statement for 2026/27 be approved.

74. CORPORATE PLAN REFRESH 2026

In conjunction with a report by the Insights Co-ordinator (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Councillor S J Conboy, the Executive Leader, presented to Members the Corporate Plan Refresh 2026 report for the Council's consideration and approval.

Councillor Conboy noted the forthcoming District Council Elections and the impending LGR and stated that the Corporate Plan Refresh would provide a period of stability and continuity for the following administration and residents alike.

Councillor Martin addressed the chamber and stated that the priorities in the business case did not align with those of the Conservatives should they be in the administration following the election, therefore they would not be supporting the recommendations.

Having been duly proposed and seconded, it was

RESOLVED

that the refreshed Corporate Plan (as detailed at Appendix A) be approved; and

that the Key Performance Indicator Changes (as detailed at Appendix D) be approved.

75. LEAD INDEPENDENT PERSON

In conjunction with a report by the Elections and Democratic Services Manager & Deputy Monitoring Officer (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Councillor M J Burke, Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee, presented to Members the Appointment of Lead Independent Person report for the Council's consideration and approval.

Councillor Hodgson-Jones, in addressing the chamber, noted that there remained a vacancy for the Deputy Independent Person and that having discussed the matter at the Corporate Governance Committee meeting, he was minded to strongly recommend that the recruitment process to fulfil this vacancy be undertaken.

Having noted that the report had been endorsed by the Corporate Governance Committee at their meeting on the 28th January 2026, and having been duly proposed and seconded, it was

RESOLVED

that for the purposes of Section of 28 of the Localism Act 2011, the re-appointment of Gillian Holmes to the post of Lead Independent Person for a further two-year period to 1st April 2028 and without the need for further ratification in each year by the Council at its Annual Meeting be approved.

76. QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

Councillor Hunt asked that with the Representation of the People Bill being introduced allowing 16 and 17 year olds to vote, what work has the Council done to prepare for these changes and engage with young people who are voting for the first time? In thanking Councillor Hunt for his question, the Executive Councillor for Governance and Democratic Services, Councillor Harvey, noted that the Chief Executive in her role as Returning Officer for the Council was very enthusiastic about engaging young people in the democratic process. It was noted that the Council's elections team already undertook work with educational establishments to encourage young people to engage in the voting process and that work in this area would be increased to strengthen links with education providers in the run up to the introduction of the policy as well as taking guidance from the Electoral Commission. This will be further strengthened with a targeted awareness campaign from the Council's Communications Team to ensure a smooth implementation process. Councillor Hunt thanked the Councillor for her support and further passed on his thanks and respect to the Democratic Services Manager and her team for the work which they undertake whilst ensuring a smooth democratic process for Councillors.

Following a question from Councillor I Taylor in relation to whether the Empty Homes Strategy included residential properties above or linked to commercial businesses, with the example of residential flats above a commercial unit being given, and the request for an update on the Old Falcon property in St Neots, the Executive Councillor for Economy, Regeneration and Housing, Councillor Wakeford, confirmed that residential properties within commercial units were covered by the Empty Homes Strategy. In relation to the Old Falcon, the Executive Councillor further confirmed that planning permission had now been granted and that the Council were working collaboratively with the owner with a view to entering a construction phase.

Councillor S Cawley advised that he, along with representatives from Ellington Parish Council, had met with the Head of Planning to discuss enforcement issues and potential applications related to a local business in the area but that they were yet to receive answers following this. The Executive Councillor for Planning noted this and resolved to follow up with the Councillor following the meeting.

Whilst appreciating that highways were a responsibility of the County Council, Councillor P Kadewere asked whether the Executive Councillor Economy, Regeneration and Housing recognised an opportunity, in light of the impending Local Government Reorganisation, for the two Councils to work collaboratively in order to

improve the state of the roads within Huntingdonshire, furthermore would the Council commit to engaging with colleagues to ensure that lessons learnt from the transition period inform planning for the incoming unitary authority so that residents can benefit from a lasting improvement. Councillor Wakeford agreed that the opportunity to engage with County colleagues on such an issue would be a benefit of the impending LGR and that he would encourage the next administration to avail themselves of the opportunity. He further noted the concerns of residents relating to the state of the districts roads and encouraged the new administration to take advantages of collaborative working for the benefit of the district.

An increase of fly tipping in the north of the district, was noted by Councillor Alban who further requested social media communication from the Council to advise residents and parish councils on the best way to official report such instances and also to note that regardless of their best intentions residents should not clear such issues and instead leave it to Council professionals to allow it to be properly investigated and cleared. In response, Councillor Ferguson, the Executive Councillor for Resident Services and Corporate Performance, acknowledged the issue raised and noted that there may have previously been a disconnect between teams wishing to investigate and teams wishing to clear the matter. He took on board the comments relating to clarifying the process and undertook to take this forward with the Communications Manager.

Having received a question from Councillor C Lowe requesting an update on the A14 tree planting project, the Executive Councillor for Climate, Transformation and the Workplace, Councillor Davenport-Ray advised that an update would be sought and shared with the Councillor following the meeting.

Councillor Neish raised the case of Holywell cum Needingworth Primary School who were looking to replace the previous caretakers bungalow which had already been demolished. It was noted that weeds had grown on the site whilst the planning process had been followed and that because of this there was now a requirement to balance Biodiversity Net Gain due to the planned removal of the weeds which may cost the school £4000. Councillor Neish asked if this was appropriate in the case of an educational Facility as due to the implementation of Biodiversity Net Gain, they now had to produce a 30-year plan to increase their biodiversity. Councillor Neish further noted that he was aware that the local MP had also visited the school and was awaiting a similar response. The Executive Councillor for Planning, Councillor Sanderson, advised that he would seek the answer and reply.

Councillor Pitt advised that in the latest round of CIL applications, the St Neots Youth Centre proposal had come directly from young residents of St Neots and welcomed Councillors to speak to the Town Council to further understand this request. The Executive Councillor for Planning, Councillor Sanderson, noted that he would not wish to predetermine any future Cabinet decisions but would welcome the opportunity to have such discussions at an appropriate time in the future.

Councillor Gray advised that a resident within his ward had received a Liberal Democrat leaflet campaigning that it was time for change, however he noted that both Cambridgeshire County Council and by means of the joint administration the District Council were being run by Liberal Democrats, therefore questioned what change was being alluded to. In response, the Executive Leader Councillor Conboy responded that she would not delve into the political angle but did note that the previous administration had campaigned to residents to demand better at the previous administration.

77. REPRESENTATION OF POLITICAL GROUPS ON DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND PANELS

By means of a report by the Elections and Democratic Services Manager (a copy of which was appended in the Minute Book) the Representation of Political Groups on District Council Committee and Panels was presented to the Chamber.

Following an enquiry from Councillor Martin, it was confirmed that each of the three recommendations would be considered separately. Councillor Hodgson- Jones then queried the need for the report given the point in the municipal cycle following which the Chamber were advised that there was a legal requirement to consider and vote on the report during the meeting.

Councillor Wakeford acknowledged the legal requirement to consider the report however agreed with the sentiment of Councillor Hodgson-Jones in maintaining the status quo for the final portion of the municipal calendar however he indicated that he would not support option B.

Following which, and it having been duly proposed and seconded, it was

RESOLVED

that the allocation of seats on the District Council Committees and Panels to political groups be determined in accordance with the distribution illustrated at Appendix A; and

that the requirements for appointments to advisory/sub groups in paragraph 5.3 be noted.

78. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY UPDATE

In conjunction with the decision summaries of the recent meetings of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA), copies of the decision summaries are appended in the Minute Book, questions on which were invited.

Following a question from Councillor Davenport-Ray, the Council heard that following CPCA funding which was allocated in 2024, training opportunities for young people had been identified in the St Neots area, mainly linked to the increase in construction employment in the area, and that relevant education opportunities were coming online across the district to address that issue.

79. OUTCOMES FROM COMMITTEES AND PANELS

A copy of the list of meetings held since the last meeting of the Council held on 17th December 2025 is appended in the Minute Book and Members were advised that any issues or questions could be raised in relation to these meetings.

Following a question from Councillor Martin, Councillor Gleadow as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny (Performance and Growth) Panel advised that the use of Special Urgency Proceedings relating to the Parking Charges – Implementation of Increase Report which was seen by Cabinet and Council in December 2025 had initially been communicated to her via email which had then been followed by a telephone conversation.

80. VARIATIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

On the recommendation of Councillor Conboy, having consulted with group leaders, it was

RESOLVED

that Councillors Keane and Davenport-Ray be appointed to the membership of the Development Management Committee in place of Councillors Brereton and Pitt.

that Councillor Pitt be appointed to the membership of Licensing Committee in place of Councillor Tevlin.

that Councillor Tevlin be appointed to the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny (Environment, Communities and Partnerships) Committee in place of Councillor Hassall.

that Councillor Hassall be appointed to the membership of the Employment Committee in place of Councillor P Kadewere.

that Councillor P Kadewere be appointed to the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny (Performance and Growth) in place of Councillor McAdam.

The meeting ended at 11pm.

Chair

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Council – 21st May 2026

Report by: Elections and Democratic Services
Manager



Wards
All

Open / Exempt
Open

Key Decision?
No

Local Elections – 7 May 2026

Executive Summary: The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the results of the recent District Council elections held on 7 May 2026 for all 26 wards. These elections were also combined with all Town/Parish Council elections.

Recommendations

1. that the summary of the results of all District Council wards as set out in Appendix A be noted; and
2. that an acknowledgement be made to all staff who were engaged in taking the poll and/or counting the votes on 7th and 8th May 2026 and thanks made to all concerned.

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the results of the recent local elections held on 7th May 2026. The elections were combined with all Town/Parish Council elections.

2. WHY IS THIS REPORT NECESSARY/BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In accordance with the Huntingdonshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2017, elections were held in all 26 wards of the District. The election was combined with all 71 Town/Parish Council elections across the District.

3. ANALYSIS

- 3.1 The District Council elections were combined with all Town/Parish Council elections and the results are summarised in Appendix A hereto.
- 3.2 Of the 89 Town and Parish Council areas, there were contests in seventeen areas, which included Ellington, Fenstanton (South), one of the wards in St Ives Town, eight of the wards of Huntingdon Town and six of the wards of St Neots.
- 3.3 In 18 town or parish areas the number of nominations equalled the number of vacancies. In 52 town or parish areas the number of nominations fell short of the number of vacancies and those Town and Parish Councils now will be invited to co-opt to fill the remaining vacancies.
- 3.4 In two parishes there were not enough validly nominated candidates to form a quorum to enable the parish council to operate and the Returning Officer will order a new election to fill the remaining vacancies.

4. BACKGROUND PAPERS– LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

- 4.1 Appendix A – District Council Elections – 7 May 2026
- 4.2 Declaration of Results – 7 May 2026

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 7 MAY 2026

COUNCILLORS ELECTED TO SERVE UNTIL 2028*

WARD	COUNCILLOR ELECTED	ELECTORATE	NO. OF BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED	% POLL
Alconbury	Ian Derek Gardener	2897	1394	48.12%
Brampton	Liam Paul Dewey-Beckett Warren Smith	6645	2690	40.48%
Buckden	Martin Andrew Hassall	2876	1329	46.21%
Fenstanton	Nick Sarkies	3170	1419	44.79%
Godmanchester and Hemingford Abbots	Sarah Joanne Conboy Brett Alistair Mickelburgh Debbie Mickelburgh	8063	3499	43.4%
Great Paxton	Stephen Claffey	2636	1366	51.82%
Great Staughton	Stephen Cawley	2623	1317	50.21%
Hemingford Grey and Houghton	David Norman Keane Paul Andrew Raymond Simpson	4914	2230	45.38%
Holywell-cum-Needlingworth	Paul James Hodgson-Jones Jon Neish	5695	2615	45.92%
Huntingdon East	Jo Harvey Nathan Hunt	5171	2151	41.6%
Huntingdon North	David Henley Steven Lancaster Mike Simpson	8440	2355	27.9%
Kimbolton	Jonathan Gray	2833	1491	52.63%
Ramsey	Ryan Coogan Karan Maheshwari Howard Julian Tobias	8854	3455	39.02%
Sawtry	Simon Bywater Ross Ben Martin	5307	2167	40.83%
Somersham	Sarah Louise Hodgson-Jones	2979	1212	40.68%
St. Ives East	Michael John Burke Shariqa Mokbul	4978	2018	40.54%

WARD	COUNCILLOR ELECTED	ELECTORATE	NO.OF BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED	% TURNOUT
St. Ives South	Alex Bulat Nic Wells	5970	2657	44.51%
St. Ives West	Julie Elizabeth Kerr	2299	1029	44.76%
St. Neots East	Lara Charlene Davenport-Ray Stephen William Ferguson	3939	1565	39.73%
St. Neots Eatons	Alan James Hunt Jacqueline Priscilla Hunt Geoff Seeff	8357	3467	41.49%
St. Neots Eynesbury	Ricky James Ioannides Tony Nelson Sam Smith	8911	3122	35.04%
St. Neots Priory Park and Little Paxton	Carole Ann Innes Richard Lewis Tomlinson Mark David Young	8087	3502	43.3%
Stilton, Folksworth and Washingley	Tim Alban Marge Beuttell	5211	2510	48.17%
The Stukeleys	Louise Ascroft Ann Blackwell Thomas Sanderson	5120	2122	41.45%
Warboys	Charlotte Ann Lowe Douglas Haig Mcllwain	2893	2421	41.08%
Yaxley	James Thomas Francis Peter John Gammons Andrew Wood	8249	3163	38.34%

*subject to decision on LGR

Council – 21st May 2026

Report by: Elections and Democratic Services Manager



Wards
All

Open / Exempt
Open

Key Decision?
No

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority: Membership and other Appointments

Executive Summary: This report requests the Council to make appointments to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the municipal year 2026/2027.

Recommendations

That full Council makes the following appointments/nominations to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the municipal year 2026/27;

- (a) appoint the Leader of Council to act as the Council's appointee to the Combined Authority and the Deputy Leader to act as the substitute member;
- (b) nominate two members from the relevant parties as indicated in Appendix 1 (one from the Conservative party and one from the Liberal Democrat party) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and two substitute members from the same political parties as those appointed;
- (c) nominate one member from the Conservative party as indicated in Appendix 2 to the Audit and Governance Committee and one substitute member from the same political party; and
- (d) authorise the Chief Executive to make any amendments to the appointments to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Audit and Governance Committee in consultation with the Political Group Leaders, if the political balance is amended by the Combined Authority between now and the next Council meeting.

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1** In accordance with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017, each Constituent Council must appoint one of its elected members and a substitute member to the Combined Authority. This appointment is usually the Leader of the Council. Each Council made these appointments at its respective Council meeting in May 2017 for the 2017/18 municipal year and is requested to do so for each subsequent municipal year. The Council is now asked to appoint members and substitute members for the municipal year 2026/27.

Non-Executive Committees

- 1.2** The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2016 requires the Combined Authority to establish an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and an Audit Committee. The Order sets out the rules for membership. The membership of the Overview and Scrutiny and the Audit Committees as a whole should reflect so far as reasonably practicable the balance of political parties of the constituent councils when taken together. The balance is based on membership of political parties, not political groups, on constituent councils across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- 1.3** On 7 May 2026, there were local elections for Cambridge City Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, Peterborough City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council. The Combined Authority has reviewed the political balance on constituent councils and has requested constituent councils to make the following appointments to these committees

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 1.4** The Combined Authority agreed that to ensure an equitable representation across each constituent authority, two members from each Council should be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee representing a total membership of fourteen members.
- 1.5** The implications of applying political proportionality to a fourteen member Overview and Scrutiny Committee are detailed in **Appendix 1**.
- 1.6** The Council is required to nominate two members (one from the Conservative party and one from the Liberal Democrat party) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2026/27 and two substitute members from the same political parties as those appointed based on the political balance set out in Appendix 1.

Audit and Governance Committee

- 1.7** The Combined Authority agreed to establish an Audit and Governance Committee consisting of seven constituent members: one member from each constituent council.
- 1.8** The implications of applying political proportionality to a seven member Audit and Governance Committee are detailed in Appendix 2. The Council is required to nominate one member from the Conservative party to sit on the Audit and

Governance Committee for the municipal year 2026/27 based on the political balance set out in Appendix 2.

Substitute members

- 1.9 The Combined Authority has agreed that substitute members should be appointed for each position on the Audit and Governance Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Any substitute members should come from the same party as the Member they are substituting for to maintain political balance.
- 1.10 For the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, if constituent councils have appointed members from the same political parties, those Councils might only wish to appoint one substitute rather than two. The quorum set down in legislation is two thirds of the total membership. Therefore, it is preferable to appoint two members in case both members are absent from a meeting and need to substitute.

2. CONCLUSION

- 2.1 All appointments and nominations made by constituent councils will be reported to the Combined Authority's annual meeting on 3rd June 2026.
- 2.2 The political balance calculations in the Appendices are based on up to date statistics given by constituent Councils and take account the outcome of the local elections that took place on the 7th May 2026. However, there may be last minute changes in the lead up to constituent Councils' annual meetings and Combined Authority's annual meeting on 3rd June.
- 2.3 If there are consequential changes to the overall political balance, the Combined Authority may need to review the membership and the allocation of seats to political parties on the above committees. The Monitoring Officer will advise constituent councils if any subsequent changes have been necessary, and whether any changes need to be made to their nominations.
- 2.4 If there is no provision in constituent council's standing orders, the Council may wish to consider giving delegated powers for the Managing Director to approve any consequential changes to these appointments in consultation with the relevant Party Group leaders.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 3.1 In accordance with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017, no remuneration is to be payable by the Combined Authority to its members.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 These are set out in the report. The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2016 requires a combined authority to ensure that the members of the committee taken as a whole reflect so far as reasonably practicable the balance of political parties for the time being prevailing among members of the constituent councils when taken together.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS– LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

5.1 Appendix 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Committee political balance calculations

Appendix 2 – Audit and Governance Committee political balance calculations

Accessible versions of the appendices are available on request from Democratic.Services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk

Overview and Scrutiny Committee of Fourteen
POLITICAL BALANCE ACROSS THE COUNTY as at 12 May 2026

	Total	Liberal Democrat	% of total	Conservative	% of total	Labour	% of total	Green Party	% of total	Peterborough First	% of total	Reform	% of total	Advance UK	% of total	Your Party	% of total	Z Total not counted	Total Counted	Entitlement
CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY	2	32	55.2	10	17.2	5	8.6	3	5.2	0	0.0	8	13.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	58	2 Lib Dem
CAMBRIDGE CITY	2	11	26.2	1	2.4	17	40.5	12	28.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.4	0	42	1 Lab, 1 Green
EAST CAMBS.	2	12	46.2	14	53.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	26	1 Lib Dem, 1 Con
FENLAND	2	2	5.4	35	94.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	37	2 Con
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	2	20	41.7	15	31.3	1	2.1	2	4.2	0	0.0	10	20.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	48	1 Lib Dem, 1 Con
PETERBOROUGH	2	8	15.7	13	25.5	11	21.6	6	11.8	8	15.7	5	9.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	9	51	1 Lab, 1 Ref
SOUTH CAMBS.	2	43	95.6	2	4.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	45	2 Liberal Democrat
TOTAL	14	128		90		34		23		8		23		0		1		24	307	
POLITICAL BALANCE %		41.69		29.32		11.07		7.49		2.61		7.49		0.00		0.33				
Seat allocation		6		4		2		1		0		1		0		0			14	
Committee seat allocation	14	5.84		4.10		1.55		1.05		0.36		1.05		0.00		0.05				

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**Audit and Governance Committee of Seven
POLITICAL BALANCE ACROSS THE COUNTY as at 12 May 2026**

	Total	Liberal Democrat % of total	Conservative % of total	Labour % of total	Green Party % of total	Peterborough First % of total	Reform % of total	Your Party % of total	ZTotal not	Total Counted	Entitlement
CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY	1	32	10	5	3	0	8	0	3	58	1 Liberal Democrat
CAMBRIDGE CITY	1	11	1	17	12	0	0	1	0	42	1 Labour
EAST CAMBS.	1	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	2	26	1 Liberal Democrat
FENLAND	1	2	35	0	0	0	0	0	6	37	1 Conservative
HUNTINGDONSHIRE	1	20	15	1	2	0	10	0	4	48	1 Conservative
PETERBOROUGH	1	8	13	11	6	8	5	0	9	51	1 Green
SOUTH CAMBS.	1	43	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	1 Liberal Democrat
TOTAL	7	128	90	34	23	8	23	1	24	307	
POLITICAL BALANCE %		41.69	29.32	11.07	7.49	2.61	7.49	0.33			
Seat allocation		3	2	1	1	0	1	-1	0	7	
Committee seat allocation	7	2.92	2.05	0.78	0.52	0.18	0.52	0.02	0		

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HDC Councillor Expenditure 2025/26

		Basic Allowance HDC	Chair Special Responsibility Allowance	Combined Authority SRA	Development Management SRA	Executive SRA	Expenses Reimbursement	Mileage NT / Casual Mileage Scheme	Vice Chair Special Resp Allowance	Totals
22825	Thomas Sanderson	£5,133.96				£11,552.04	£0.00	£18.90		£16,704.90
23639	Eric Butler	£5,133.96			£693.00		£0.00			£5,826.96
24491	Douglas Dew	£5,133.96	£4,061.13		£693.00		£0.00	£972.90	£223.66	£11,084.65
25034	Stephen Criswell	£5,133.96					£0.00			£5,133.96
25037	Jonathan Gray	£5,133.96					£0.00			£5,133.96
30828	Patricia Jordan	£5,133.96			£693.00		£0.00			£5,826.96
32688	Patrick Kadewere	£5,133.96					£0.00		£836.00	£5,969.96
33071	Gillian Holmes	£1,119.00					£0.00			£1,119.00
33246	Sarah Conboy	£5,133.96		£5,391.00		£15,402.00	£360.00	£98.55		£26,385.51
33361	Ian Gardener	£5,133.96					£0.00			£5,133.96
33565	Timothy Alban	£5,133.96					£0.00			£5,133.96
34561	Barry Banks	£5,133.96					£0.00		£2,079.00	£7,212.96
34564	Margaret Beuttell	£5,133.96				£809.04	£0.00	£528.30		£6,471.30
34566	Simon Bywater	£5,133.96					£0.00			£5,133.96
34567	Jeffrey Clarke	£5,133.96			£693.00		£0.00	£49.50		£5,876.46
34569	Stephen Corney	£5,133.96			£693.00		£0.00			£5,826.96
34573	Kevin Gulson	£5,133.96			£693.00		£0.00	£296.10		£6,123.06
34575	David Keane	£5,133.96			£66.00		£0.00			£5,199.96
34577	Jonathan Neish	£5,133.96		£188.64	£693.00		£8.00	£228.60		£6,252.20
34580	Douglas Terry	£5,133.96					£0.00			£5,133.96
34583	Samuel Wakeford	£5,133.96		£1,886.04	£693.00	£10,011.00	£0.00			£17,724.00
50185	Marion Kadewere	£5,133.96					£0.00			£5,133.96
50229	Benjamin Pitt	£5,133.96			£627.00		£0.00		£1,625.30	£7,386.26
50480	Sally Ann Howell	£5,133.96				£8,471.04	£0.00	£306.45		£13,911.45
50481	Roger Brereton	£5,133.96			£627.00		£0.00	£121.50		£5,882.46
50483	Nicholas Wells	£5,133.96	£6,930.96	£188.64			£0.00		£509.81	£12,763.37
50484	Michael Burke	£5,133.96	£3,081.00				£0.00			£8,214.96
50485	Joanna Harvey	£5,133.96				£8,471.04	£0.00			£13,605.00
50486	Ross Martin	£5,133.96				£5,391.00	£0.00			£10,524.96
50487	Catherine Gleadow	£5,133.96	£6,161.04				£0.00			£11,295.00
50488	Ann Blackwell	£5,133.96	£3,081.00				£0.00	£24.30		£8,239.26
50489	Lara Davenport-Ray	£5,133.96			£66.00	£8,471.04	£0.00			£13,671.00
50490	Shariqa Mokbul	£5,133.96					£0.00		£2,772.96	£7,906.92
50491	Julie Kerr	£5,133.96	£745.29			£7,446.32	£0.00			£13,325.57
50492	Simone Taylor	£5,133.96				£1,024.72	£0.00		£1,625.30	£7,783.98
50493	Stephen Ferguson	£5,133.96				£8,471.04	£0.00			£13,605.00
50494	David Shaw	£5,133.96					£0.00		£924.00	£6,057.96
50495	Ian Taylor	£5,133.96					£0.00			£5,133.96
50496	Deborah Mickelburgh	£5,133.96	£6,930.96				£0.00			£12,064.92
50497	Nathan Hunt	£5,133.96	£5,415.75				£130.85		£223.66	£10,904.22
50498	Martin Hassall	£5,133.96					£0.00			£5,133.96
50500	Stephen McAdam	£5,133.96	£558.87		£693.00		£0.00	£53.10		£6,438.93
50501	Marcus Pickering	£5,133.96					£0.00	£99.00		£5,232.96
50502	Adela Costello	£5,133.96					£0.00			£5,133.96
50503	Richard Slade	£5,133.96			£693.00		£0.00		£1,625.30	£7,452.26
50506	Charlotte Lowe	£5,133.96					£0.00			£5,133.96
50507	Andrew Jennings	£5,133.96					£0.00			£5,133.96
50508	Stephen Cawley	£5,133.96					£0.00			£5,133.96
50510	Brett Mickelburgh	£5,133.96				£8,471.04	£0.00			£13,605.00
50511	Clare Tevlin	£5,133.96			£693.00		£0.00			£5,826.96
50512	Paul Hodgson	£5,133.96		£188.64			£0.00			£5,322.60
51017	James Catmur	£5,133.96					£0.00	£118.80		£5,252.76
51219	Barry Chapman	£5,133.96					£0.00	£162.00		£5,295.96
	Sum:	£268,084.92	£36,966.00	£7,842.96	£9,009.00	£93,991.32	£498.85	£3,078.00	£12,444.99	£431,916.04

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ANNEX B

**MEMBERS' ATTENDANCES
AT MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL, CABINET, COMMITTEES AND PANELS**

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2025/26 (to 13th May 2026)

COUNCIL <i>(Met on 8 occasions)</i>			
Alban, T	6	Howell, S A	7
Banks, B S	8	Hunt, N J	8
Beuttell, Mrs M L	7	Jennings, A R	8
Blackwell, A M	8	Jordan, P A	4
Brereton, R J	2	Kadewere, M	8
Burke, M J	8	Kadewere, P	6
Butler, E R	5	Keane D N	8
Bywater, S	8	Kerr, J E	8
Catmur, J R	6	Lowe, C A	6
Cawley, S	8	Martin, R	8
Chapman, B S	8	McAdam, S R	6
Clarke, J	5	Mickleburgh, B A	8
Conboy, Mrs S J	8	Mickleburgh, D L	7
Corney, S J	6	Mokbul, S	7
Costello, A E	5	Neish, J	7
Criswell, S J	7	Pickering, M Dr	8
Davenport-Ray, L	7	Pitt, B M	8
Dew, D B	7	Sanderson, T D	8
Ferguson, S W	8	Shaw, D J	8
Gardener, I D	8	Slade, R A	7
Gleadow, C M	8	Taylor, I P	6
Gray, J A	6	Taylor, S L	5
Gulson, K P	8	Terry, D	8
Harvey, J E	6	Temlin, C H	7
Hassall, M A	8	Wakeford, S	8
Hodgson-Jones, P J	7	Wells, N	6

CABINET <i>(Met on 13 occasions)</i>			
Conboy, S J	13	Kerr, J E	13
Davenport-Ray, L	12	Mickelburgh, B A	13
Ferguson, S W	13	Sanderson, T D	13
Harvey, J E	12	Wakeford, S	12
Howell, S A	8		

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE <i>(Met on 7 occasions)</i>			
Burke, M J	6	Shaw, D J	6
Gray, J A	5	Taylor, I P	6
Hodgson-Jones, P J	6	Martin, R <i>(as substitute)</i>	1
Chapman, B S <i>(from 16.10.26)</i>	1	Wells, N <i>(until 15.10.26)</i>	3
Jennings, A R	6		

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE <i>(Met on 15 occasions)</i>			
Brereton, R J <i>(from 16.10.26 until 25.02.26)</i>	5	McAdam, S R	12
Butler, E R	13	Mickelburgh, D L	12
Clarke, J	7	Mokbul, S	10
Corney, S J	11	Neish, J	10
Davenport-Ray, L <i>(from 26.02.26)</i>	2	Pitt, B M <i>(until 25.02.26)</i>	12
Dew, D B	5	Sanderson, T D	14
Gulson, K P	11	Slade, R A	9
Jordan, P A	10	Tevlin, C H	10
Keane, D N <i>(from 26.02.26)</i>	2	Wakeford, S	11

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE <i>(Met on 4 occasions)</i>			
Blackwell, A M	3	Jordan, P A	3
Cawley, S	3	Kadewere, P <i>(until 25.02.26)</i>	3
Davenport-Ray, L <i>(from 16.10.26)</i>	3	Keane, D N	3
Hassall, M <i>(from 26.02.26)</i>	-	Lowe, C A	3
Howell, S A	3		

LICENSING AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE <i>(Met on 4 occasions)</i>			
Banks, B S	4	Howell, S A	3
Beuttell, M L	3	Jordan, P A	2
Clarke, J	1	Kadewere, P	2
Costello, A E	3	Pitt, B <i>(from 26.02.26)</i>	-
Criswell, S	2	Terry, D	3
Ferguson, S W	3	Tevlin, C H <i>(from 16.10.26 until 25.02.26)</i>	2
Gardener, I D <i>(until 15.10.26)</i>	2	Wells, N	4

LICENSING COMMITTEE <i>(Met on 3 occasions)</i>			
Banks, B S	3	Howell, S A	2
Beuttell, M L	2	Jordan, P A	2
Clarke, J	1	Kadewere, P	3
Costello, A E	2	Pitt, B <i>(from 26.02.26)</i>	-
Criswell, S	1	Terry, D	2
Ferguson, S W	2	Tevlin, C H <i>(from 16.10.26 until 25.02.26)</i>	2
Gardener, I D <i>(until 15.10.26)</i>	3	Wells, N	3

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS) <i>(Met on 9 occasions)</i>			
Alban, T	9	Mokbul, S	6
Bywater, S	8	Pitt, B M	8
Criswell, S	6	Shaw, D J	9
Hassall, M A <i>(until 25.02.26)</i>	6	Terry, D	2
Hunt, N J	9	Tevlin, C H <i>(from 26.02.26)</i>	1

Kadewere, M	9	Wells, N	9
Lowe, C A	8		

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH) <i>(Met on 9 occasions)</i>			
Blackwell, A M	9	Kadewere, P <i>(from 26.02.26)</i>	0
Catmur, J	7	Martin, R	9
Chapman, B S	7	McAdam, S R <i>(until 25.02.26)</i>	8
Corney, S J	5	Pickering, M Dr	7
Gardener, I D	9	Taylor, S L	7
Gleadow, C M	8	Tevlin, C H	7
Jennings, A	9		

SENIOR OFFICER COMMITTEE <i>(Met on 2 occasions)</i>			
Beuttell, M L	1	Jordan, P A	0
Cawley, S	1	Sanderson, T D	0
Conboy, S J	1		

NB: This schedule represents the attendance record of Members at District Council meetings. Members' responsibilities in terms of external organisations to which they are appointed by the District Council and duties within respective wards is not recorded.

Meetings held between the despatch of the Council Agenda on 13th May 2026 and the date of the Council meeting have not been included.

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