

Overview and Scrutiny (Performance and Growth) Panel – Questions and actions requiring a response.

Minute No.	Item	Councillor	Question	Answer
25/10	Corporate Performance Q4	Cllr Taylor	Asked for further detail as to why 2 areas- East Cambs & St Neots- were identified as FE Cold Spots but funding has been given to additional areas.	East Cambridgeshire and St Neots were identified as FE Cold Spots in the 2021 CPCA programme due to low skills participation and limited access to further education, and were therefore prioritised for targeted support. However, the 2024 feasibility study, funded through a £4.5 million grant, identified wider sector-specific skills gaps across the region—in areas such as health, social care, construction and digital—prompting a broader approach. When the Skills Capital Grant Funding programme launched in February 2025, bids were welcomed from across the region, provided they addressed strategic priorities and supported Cold Spot learners. Some successful projects offered delivery models spanning multiple areas or brought specialist provision to locations that serve the Cold Spots. For example, St Neots’ immersive learning room connects with facilities at CRC’s Cambridge or Huntingdon campuses, allowing local learners to access real-time lessons delivered elsewhere. While East Cambridgeshire and St Neots remain the programme’s primary focus, funding was awarded where it could most effectively address skills needs and deliver meaningful impact.
25/19	Local Plan Engagement Review	Cllr Jennings	Asked for a breakdown of the sources of respondents to the Plan.	Response was circulated via email on 26.08.2025.
25/24	Shared Services Agreement Renewal	Cllr Gardener	Requested an update regarding the outstanding debt owed by Cambridge City Council.	The issue of unpaid debt from City to HDC has been escalated to senior officers and is now largely resolved. A small amount remains to be settled and this is expected to be completed by the end of September.
25/24	Shared Services Agreement Renewal	Cllr Martin	Does 3C Legal have the expertise to deal with Parking fines & fees.	3C Legal has undertaken the progression of parking cases through to the Magistrates Court for a number of years prior to the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE). The introduction of CPE changes the progression of cases to use an independent adjudicator (Traffic Penalty Tribunal /TPT) in place of the Magistrates Court and is an officer function (not 3C Legal).

