

# Cllrs Lorna Dupré and Mark Inskip

## MONTHLY REPORT FEBRUARY 2025

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### BUDGET

The District Council will set its budget on Tuesday 25 February. The Leader of the Conservative Group has already announced a council tax freeze for a further year, but warned that savings will need to be made in future years. Our Group will be making an alternative budget proposal.

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### PLANNING

#### 22/00626/FUL 121-123 High Street Sutton

The Council has asked for an extension of time to Friday 14 February to determine the application for nine dwellings, garages and associated works at 121-123 High Street Sutton.

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### WASTE

#### Mooncup offer to reduce impact on landfill

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Recycling Partnership RECAP, of which East Cambridgeshire is a part, is offering Mooncup reusable menstrual cups for £5 instead of the usual £23.50. 200,000 tonnes of disposable menstrual products end up in UK landfill sites each year, so this has the capacity to make a significant contribution to waste reduction.

#### Don't leave your fridge out in the cold

Residents thinking of buying a new fridge or freezer are being asked to think twice about the disposal of their current models. Last year East Cambridgeshire District Council was called to 35 fly-tips which included a fridge or freezer. Shockingly, just one fridge containing chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) that has not been disposed of properly causes the same greenhouse gas emissions as a small household's annual electricity requirement or a car's annual mileage. Solar panels on the roof of a detached house would have to generate electricity for a year to compensate for the environmental damage caused.

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### CREMATORIUM

The Conservative Group's crematorium project is currently due to be considered by Full Council on 22 May 2025—if the final tender costs are higher than currently budgeted then further approval is required by full Council. The Internal Auditor reported to the council's Audit Committee on Monday 3 February that "the latest cost plan indicates a potential significant increase in costs over the

approved budget, which is clearly identified as a key risk. A decision has been made to progress to tender stage so that actual costs can be determined with certainty and all options reported to Council for decision at that stage.”

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## COMMUNITY POLICING MEETINGS

A reminder of the next Community Policing Team meeting for East Cambridgeshire at 7:00PM on Wednesday 9 April. Book by email (subject 'EAST CAMBS') to [communitymeeting@cambs.police.uk](mailto:communitymeeting@cambs.police.uk)

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

### February

- Audit Committee. Monday 3 February
- Planning Committee,. Wednesday 5 February
- Full Council, Tuesday 25 February (budget meeting)
- Full Council, Thursday 27 February (reserve date)

### March

- Planning Committee, Wednesday 5 March
  - Licensing Committee, Wednesday 12 March
  - Audit Committee. Tuesday 18 March
  - Operational Services, Monday 24 March
  - Finance & Assets, Thursday 27 March
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## MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

We will be at Joy Bistro, 65 High Street, Sutton on Monday 3 March and Monday 7 April at 6:30-7:30PM.

Between surgeries, residents can continue to contact us by email, Facebook, or phone.

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(Mepal, Sutton, Wentworth, and Witcham)