

Cllrs Lorna Dupré and Mark Inskip

MONTHLY REPORT NOVEMBER 2025

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

The next Full Council meeting will take place on Thursday 20 November.

The leadership of the Council will be proposing to recommend Option B to the Government for Local Government Reorganisation for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This would put East Cambridgeshire in a new council with Peterborough, Fenland and Huntingdonshire.

The Council is likely also to be asked to approve the appointment of a new Chief Executive. Interviews take place on Tuesday 4 November. We reported last month on our concerns about the appointment process.

GARDEN CLOSE SUTTON REMOVAL OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

This planning application would remove all affordable housing from Abbey's site at Garden Close in Sutton—we have written to object.

The applicant has agreed the council's request for an extension of time to 2 December, so that an independent 'viability assessment' (paid for by the applicant) can be carried out to determine whether the proposed development is financially feasible with the affordable housing required.

STREET SWEEPING

Mark has been taking up issues relating to street sweeping in High Street Witcham. Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, local authorities have a statutory duty to provide clean streets, footways and open spaces that are in public ownership. All towns and villages are divided up into "zones" with the busiest being cleaned more regularly.

<https://eastcambs.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/clean-streets>

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE COMMUNITY FUND

The East Cambridgeshire Community Fund will be open to applications between 31 October and 12 December 2025. Community groups are being encouraged to apply for grants of up to £1,000 to spend on new or existing projects designed to improve the quality of life for residents.

Information about the grant including eligibility criteria and application guidance can be found on the council's web site.

<https://eastcambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-wellbeing/grants-and-community-projects/community-fund>

EPR LIAISON MEETING

Mark attended the most recent meeting of the EPR straw plant liaison group on 16 October. No issues were raised by, or with, the Environment Agency. Since the previous meeting there had been two noise complaints: one from Sutton Park about undulating noise late at night, and the other from Ely Road about dust on a car after it had been washed. In neither case was EPR found to be the source.

The annual maintenance outage had taken place in July, and a BES inspection for insurers had been carried out recently. Two apprentices had recently been taken on, and were being trained at Chatteris training centre.

There was still no clarity on the UK government's plan to end its Renewables Obligation (RO) scheme in April 2027 and whether there would be a replacement support mechanism.

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

- Wednesday 5 November: Planning Committee
 - Thursday 6 November: Licensing (Statutory) Sub-Committee
 - Monday 17 November: Operational Services Committee
 - Wednesday 19 November: Licensing Committee
 - Thursday 20 November: Full Council
 - Thursday 27 November: Finance & Assets Committee
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MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

We will be at Joy Bistro, 65 High Street, Sutton on Monday 1 December 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)