

Cllrs Lorna Dupré and Mark Inskip

MONTHLY REPORT DECEMBER 2025

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

The Full Council meeting on Thursday 20 November voted by a majority to submit Option B (a single council for East Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Fenland and Huntingdonshire) to the Government's Local Government Reorganisation process.

The Liberal Democrat & Independent Group proposed to submit Option A (a single council for East Cambridgeshire, Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire) instead, but this was defeated.

The Council approved the appointment of Emma Grima as the council's new Chief Executive with effect from January. She replaces John Hill who retires at the end of December.

Empty homes

Cllr Mark Inskip successfully proposed a motion, submitted by himself and Cllr Christine Colbert (Ely West), to improve the council's response to empty homes.

The council has resolved to develop a new Empty Homes Strategy by July 2026, with ambitious and realistic targets to reduce long-term empty homes and return them to use; and a business case and options to implement it, including investigation into a revolving loans fund, expanded enforcement capacity, an Empty Homes Partnership and officer, and an online 'Report an Empty' portal to connect buyers and renovators.

PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

The district council's Operational Services Committee approved a draft Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to address Vehicle Related Anti-Social Behaviour, such as that experienced at the Elean Business Park. Mark explained to the committee the longstanding history of disturbance from car meets at the Elean business park and the need for an Order to address the problem.

Public consultation on the draft Order will take place for six weeks between 12 January and 23 February 2026.

KEEPING RECYCLING CLEAN

East Cambridgeshire residents are being urged to keep nappies, vapes and un-rinsed food containers out of their blue recycling bins.

Placing these items into blue bins can contaminate a whole bin—meaning it must be treated as rubbish rather than recycling.

Instead, residents are being asked to:

- rinse food from recycling before placing it in a blue bin
- put nappies into black bags
- recycle vapes at household waste recycling centres or shop collection points, the nearest of which can be found at RecycleYourElectricals.org.uk

FINANCE & ASSETS COMMITTEE

Transfer of assets

The Finance & Assets Committee has approved the freehold transfer of a number of assets at £1 each to Littleport Town Council:

- The Barn, Main Street
- Public conveniences, Main Street
- Car Park, Main Street
- Open space, Parsons Lane

The committee required a forever ban on the car park being used for any other purpose and on car parking charges being introduced there.

This decision follows the offer to City of Ely Council of The Maltings, Maltings Cottage, and Oliver Cromwell House also for £1 each.

Neighbourhood Plans

The Committee has agreed the introduction of a match funding scheme to support the development of emerging neighbourhood plans.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

- Wednesday 3 December: Planning Committee

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

We will be at Joy Bistro, 65 High Street, Sutton on Monday 5 January and Monday 2 February at 6:30-7:30PM. Between surgeries, residents can continue to contact us by email, Facebook, or phone.

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District Councillors for the Sutton ward
(Mepal, Sutton, Wentworth, and Witcham)