



Annual Report of Representation on Outside Bodies

2022 – 2023

Guidance for Members and Officers who Serve on Outside Bodies

A guide to the law for members and officers who are appointed to represent Cambridgeshire County Council on another body.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The County Council appoints members and, less often, officers to serve on a wide range of organisations outside the council, including as directors of companies, trustees of charities, members of management committees and other roles on public bodies and voluntary organisations. These roles on outside bodies may give rise to occasional uncertainty about responsibilities and sometimes lead to conflicts of interest. For example, if an outside body comes into conflict with the Council and the member is a director or on the management committee of the outside body, it is likely that the member's prime duty would be to the outside body in the conduct of the outside body's affairs.
- 1.2 The purpose of this guidance is to summarise the legal position and responsibilities of members and officers who are appointed by the council to serve on outside bodies. It is not intended to be an exhaustive explanation of the law and if further advice is required, the Monitoring Officer should be contacted.
- 1.3 This guidance does not cover any situation where a member or officer who chooses to sit on an outside body in their own private capacity – in this case, they should ensure there is no conflict of interest with their position as a member or officer.
- 1.4 Members and officers may be appointed by the Council to be an “observer” or to undertake a monitoring role at an outside body, facilitating exchanges of views or information as an extension of their council duties but taking no part in the outside body's management or governance other than to attend and vote at annual or general meetings, or simply to attend. In this type of role members and officers will be mainly concerned with representing the council and will not have responsibility for the governance of the body. Care should be taken to ensure such attendance is minuted/recorded each time to correctly reflect this.

2. General

- 2.1 Before accepting the directorship or trusteeship of an external organisation, the member or officer should consider how onerous the responsibilities are likely to be and should only accept the office if satisfied that they have the time and capacity to undertake them.
- 2.2 Consideration should also be given to whether there is likely to be any significant conflict of interest between the role as a director or trustee and their role as a member or officer. If such a conflict is likely to arise to a significant degree then the role should not be taken on.
- 2.3 The member or officer should also assess the risks of things going wrong which might raise the prospect of a personal liability. Matters to be taken into account include the nature of the functions of the outside body and the amount of money it holds or deals with. For example, some external companies handle considerable sums of money in the course of each year and have major functions. On the other hand, the risks associated with relatively small local charities are much less.
- 2.4 Members and officers who serve on outside bodies must exercise independent judgement in the interests of the organisation in which they are involved. Whilst it is recognised that they may have a commitment to representing the County Council on the outside organisation, they must also be aware that it is their responsibility to decide what view to take on any question before the organisation. Where a member or officer serves on the outside body in a representative capacity, this should be made clear to that body. There will be a fine line to tread between the duty to the outside body and to the County Council.
- 2.5 Ultimately the member or officer in acting as a Director or Trustee or member of a Management Committee of an outside body, must act in accordance with that body's interests, and not those of the Council or even the council taxpayers at large. A mandate from the Council to vote one way or the other would put the member or officer in breach of the duty to the organisation. It is permissible to take account of the County Council's wishes, but not to vote simply in accordance with them. The overriding duty in considering an item before the outside body is to vote in accordance with the interests of that organisation.
- 2.6 A member or officer serving on an outside body must also ensure that avoidable loss is not incurred in managing that body. Individual responsibility cannot be avoided by not reading the papers or failing to ask for appropriate reports. Professional advice should also be sought where appropriate.
- 2.7 If there is a major dispute between the County Council and the outside body then the Council's representative can be placed in an untenable position. In these circumstances, the appointee should take advice from either the Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer or the relevant Chief Officer.
- 2.8 At the end of the day, it is possible that a representative on an outside body may find themselves unable to adequately carry out their responsibilities properly, both as a member or officer of the County Council and as a Director/Trustee/Committee Member of the outside

body. That would be an exception, and should not deflect those appointed to outside bodies from being prepared to participate in the management and running of outside organisations.

2.9 Finally, it is recommended that:-

- (a) Upon being appointed to an outside body, appointees obtain essential documents such as the outside body's governing document and the latest annual report and accounts
- (b) Clarify if there are any insurances or indemnities in place
- (c) Ensure the organisation has sound financial practices and procedures – take an interest in the business plan and other financial reports
- (d) Understand how decisions are made in the organisation including delegations of powers
- (e) Appointees to outside bodies should take advice from the s151 Officer or the Monitoring Officer (as appropriate) if they have any financial or other concerns about the body to which they have been appointed.

3. Company Directors

3.1 The management of a company is generally the responsibility of a board of directors and the powers of the directors are usually set out in the company's Articles of Association (rules which govern the company's internal management). Directors are those who are appointed by the company to act in that capacity.

3.2 Company Directors have the following duties:-

- A fiduciary duty to the company (not individual shareholders) to act honestly and in good faith and in the best interests of the company as a whole. This means taking proper care of the assets of the company.
- A general duty of care and skill to the company. This means that Directors must exercise a degree of skill as may reasonably be expected from someone with that individual's particular knowledge and experience. However, Directors are not deemed to be experts, but are expected to use due diligence and to obtain expert advice if necessary.
- Directors must exercise independent judgement, although they may take account of the interests of any third party whom they represent. This may well require interests to be declared (see below). However, Directors cannot vote simply in accordance with the Council's mandate.
- Directors are not allowed to make a profit from their position. They must therefore disclose any interests they or their family may have in relation to the company's contracts. Whether they are then allowed to vote will depend on the company's Articles of Association.
- Directors must ensure compliance with the Companies Act in relation to the keeping of accounts and making of returns to the Registrar of Companies and the information to be shown on stationery.
- There is a duty to have regard to the interests of the company's employees, particularly, for example, in respect of health and safety.
- Directors also have a range of accounting and financial responsibilities, including the preparation of accounts for each financial year, ensuring accounting records are maintained sufficiently to demonstrate the company's day to day transactions, approving the annual

accounts and laying them before a general meeting and ensuring that annual accounts and reports are sent to shareholders and anyone else entitled to receive them.

3.3 Individual Directors can also be liable in certain circumstances, including the following:-

- A company can only act within the scope set out in its Memorandum of Association, and those Directors who knowingly cause the company to act beyond these activities will be liable personally.
- Directors may also be liable for breach of trust, if they misapply the money or property of the company. Directors may also be liable if they fail to take action to prevent the breach of a Co-Director of which they are aware.
- In the event of a failure to act in accordance with the best interests of the company, or if Directors use their powers improperly or make a personal profit from their position as a Director, then they may be personally liable for loss to the company and may be required to give to the company the personal profit made.
- If the level of skill and care shown by a Director falls below that which could reasonably be expected and the company suffers loss, the Director will be liable for the loss incurred. However, if it believes the Director acted honestly and reasonably, a Court may excuse the Director from this liability.
- If a Director knows or ought to know that there is no reasonable prospect of the company avoiding liquidation, the Court may require the Director to contribute to the company's assets on liquidation if the company continues to trade. This is known as wrongful trading. No such order will be made if the Court is satisfied that the Director took all reasonable steps to minimise the loss to the creditors.
- Directors will also be liable if to their knowledge the company carried on business with intent to defraud creditors or any other person, or for any other fraudulent purpose.
- Where a company fails to pay National Insurance contributions and this is due to fraud or neglect on the part of any director(s) of the company, they may be held personally responsible for the outstanding contributions.

3.4 Finally, information (apart from confidential information) must be given to other councillors about their activities as required by the local authority.

4. Charity Trustees

4.1 Trustees of a charity are responsible for the control and administration of a charity and retain personal liability. Trustees must acquaint themselves with the terms of the Trust. In the case of a charity which is also a company, these terms will be found in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Other Trusts will be found in the document under which the charity was established, such as a will or deed of gift or constitution.

4.2 Charity Trustees have the following duties:-

- Trustees must act in accordance with the terms of the Trust.

- The property of the charity must be used for the purposes for which the charity was set up. It must also be applied fairly between those properly entitled to benefit from it.
- Trustees have a duty to exercise such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having particular regard to any special knowledge or experience that they have or holds themselves out as having. In addition, where a Trustee acts in the course of a business or profession, particular regard must be had to any special knowledge or experience which it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.
- Trustees must always act in the interests of the charity and of its beneficiaries or potential beneficiaries and without regard to their own private interests. This means that Charity Trustees must not put themselves in a position where their interests and duties conflict.
- The work must generally be unpaid. Trustees may be paid for their expenses from the charity's income and, very occasionally, the Charity Commission may allow wider remuneration where this is in the interests of the charity.
- Trustees cannot benefit either directly or indirectly from the charity.
- They must act reasonably and prudently in all matters relating to the charity and must always bear in mind the interests of the charity. They should manage the charity as carefully as if they were running their own business. Although they may delegate certain of their functions under the Trustee Act 2000 and also under any powers in the trust document, they remain legally responsible and must supervise and control the work of officers.
- Trustees must act in accordance with all relevant legislation.
- They have a duty to provide information to the Charity Commissioners. Most charities (except small ones with an annual income under £1000 a year) are required to register under the charities legislation. The Charity Commissioners rely on this information when making a decision about a charity, so it is very important that it is accurate. It is an offence to give the Charity Commissioners false or misleading information, or to alter, conceal or destroy charity documents which may be required by the Commissioners.
- All registered charities are subject to a number of accounting and reporting requirements, depending on their income and expenditure. These involve maintaining proper accounts, preparing the annual statement of accounts and an annual report and in some cases submitting them to the Charity Commission; and where the charity's gross income and total expenditure exceeds £10,000, making an annual report to the Charity Commission. Charity trustees are under a duty to ensure that these accounting and reporting requirements are carried out and to approve the annual report and accounts.
- The accounts of registered charities with a gross income or total expenditure exceeding £10,000 must, at the option of the trustees, be either audited or independently examined. In addition, if either income or expenditure has been more than £250,000 in either of the previous two financial years then accounts must be audited by a registered auditor.
- Retaining accounting records and statements of account for at least 6 years.

5. Management Committees

- 5.1 Groups which are not charitable trusts or limited companies are "unincorporated associations" and have no separate legal identity from their members. The rules governing the members' duties and liabilities will be set out in a constitution, which is simply an agreement between the members as to how the organisation will operate. Usually the constitution will provide for a management committee to be responsible for the everyday running of the organisation. An unincorporated organisation may be charitable and registerable as a charity.
- 5.2 Broadly, management committee members must act within the terms of the constitution, and must take reasonable care in exercising their powers.
- 5.3 Generally, members of management committees are liable for the acts of the organisation, but are entitled to an indemnity from the funds of the organisation if they have acted properly. If there are not enough funds, the committee members are personally liable for the shortfall. If one person is appointed by the constitution to act as the agent of the organisation for certain purposes, then that person acts as the agent of all the members, who have joint liability for the agent's actions. Members of the management committee will have a personal liability if they act outside the authority given them or if they do not comply with the law.
- 5.4 Exceptions apply to certain consultative/advisory bodies such as EELGA & LGA where the representative will normally be expected to act in the Council's interests.

6. Regulated Committees

- 6.1 A company that is influenced by the Council (20% shareholding or more) or controlled by the Council (50% shareholding or more) will be a regulated company under the Local Authorities (Companies) Order 1995. This piece of legislation has a number of restrictions for members that sit on the board of regulated local authority companies, referring to them as "regulated directors".
- 6.2 These restrictions include:
- The maximum amount of remuneration is the greatest amount which would be payable by the Council in respect of a comparable duty performed on behalf of the Council, less any amount paid by the Council to the regulated director for duties to the Company;
 - The maximum amount of travelling or subsistence allowance which would be payable to that director by the Council of which he is a member if the relevant duty were an approved duty for the purposes of s174 of the Local Government Act 1972
 - When a regulated director becomes disqualified for membership of the Council, he/she must be removed as a director of the regulated company.

6.3 Where members sit on the board of an influenced or regulated company there will be an inherent conflict of interest in their roles as the Companies Act 2006 requires Directors to consider the best interests of the company and not the shareholders. However due to the restrictions on the remuneration and expenses of members in relation to such companies members are unlikely to have a disclosable pecuniary interest. Members should nonetheless declare their conflict of interest at Council meetings and avoid voting on or taking Council decisions in relation to such companies.

7. Other Public Bodies

7.1 There are bodies created by an Act of Parliament to carry out particular functions and whose constitution is set out in the legislation relating to that specific body. Examples include the Broads Authority, Internal Drainage Boards and school governing bodies.

7.2 The powers of the members of the body and duties and liabilities of those members individually and collectively depend upon the wording of the legislation in question. In general terms, however, the position of a member is similar to that of a councillor. It is therefore wise for a member of any of these bodies to obtain information for themselves from that body on its powers and duties, its Standing Orders and other procedures which they must follow and financial or other regulations which govern the conduct of its business.

7.3 In addition, conflicts of interest can occasionally arise for such appointees. In this respect, the general provisions described in Section 2 above will apply.

7.4 Finally, there is the developing area of partnerships and partnership boards. Generally, these are not legal entities in their own right and members are appointed purely to represent the County Council. In these circumstances the specific duties referred to above will not therefore tend to apply nor will there be a potential for a conflict of interest. On the other hand, the position may well be different if a separate legal entity is formed as part of the partnership working.

8. Declaration of Interests

8.1 If you have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter to be considered at the meeting and that interest is on your Register of Interests you must not speak or vote on the matter. In many case (but not all) cases a Member will not have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (and therefore need not make any declaration)) if the matter relates to an outside body to which the County Council have appointed the Member as its representative.

8.2 Members do however need to pay particular attention to whether a body on which they have a beneficial interest (which includes a body corporate of which they are a director – NB. “director” includes being a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society) has or is likely to have a contractual relationship with the council (NB. which includes grant agreements). If this is the case then this is a specific disclosable pecuniary interest under the Localism Act 2011 as set out in the council’s code of conduct and it need to be declared as such and the member must not take part in any decision making.

8.3 If you do not have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest you may nevertheless have a “non-statutory disclosable interest” in a matter to be discussed if it affects:

- your well-being or financial position
- that of your family or close friends
- that of a club or society in which you have a management role
- that of another public body of which you are a member to a greater extent than others in your ward.

If that is the case then you must declare such an interest but can speak and vote on the matter, unless the interest is “*one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest*” (s.10.2(b) of the council’s code of conduct sets out what action should be taken). Please seek the advice of the council’s Monitoring Officer if unsure about what needs to be declared in order to help avoid the appearance of bias.

8.4 When members discuss at Council meetings matters relating to an outside body on which they serve, they may take account of that outside body's interest. However, they must not vote simply in accordance with the mandate of that outside body. In short, the primary consideration is the public interest.

8.5 Officers should have regard to the Officer’s Code of Conduct and discuss all potential conflicts of interest with their line manager, seeking advice from the council’s Monitoring Officer where appropriate. Written file notes should be made and kept of all advice given and action taken.

9. Indemnities

9.1 An outside body can provide indemnities for its members as follows:

a) Companies can now give their Directors indemnities. However, such indemnities cannot cover:-

- (i) the Director's liability to the company itself or to other companies within the same group;
- (ii) fines imposed on a Director in criminal proceedings or in respect of a sum payable to a Regulatory Authority by way of penalty for non-compliance with any requirement of a regulatory nature; or
- (iii) Liabilities incurred by a Director in defending criminal proceedings where convicted, or in defending any civil proceedings brought by the company, or an associated company in which judgement is made against such Director.

(b) With regard to Charitable Trusts, an indemnity can be given from the Trust Fund provided the Trustee has acted properly and within their powers. Trustees may take out insurance to protect themselves against personal liability, but not for criminal acts, fraud etc. There will be no problem if the Trustees themselves pay the premiums but if they are paid out of the Charitable Funds the Trustees will need to consent to the Charity Commission unless the Trust Deed specifically allows it.

- (c) With regard to Management Committees, members will be entitled to an indemnity if they act in accordance with the Constitution and are not at fault. It is also possible to obtain insurance but if the organisation is to pay the premium it must be permitted by the Constitution.

10. Related Issues

- Occasionally, the County Council will be represented on outside bodies by third parties, rather than members or officers. This guidance applies in principle to these representatives, although some parts of it will necessarily not apply.
- From time to time, officers are, as a result of their position with the County Council, appointed to serve on an outside body by the body itself, rather than by the County Council. Examples include serving on the managing body of a professional association or appointment to a national body as a local authority representative. Again, most of the principles contained in this guidance will apply to that situation, depending on the nature of the outside body.
- Finally, officers may from time to time be asked to serve in their private capacity on outside bodies funded by the Council. This can often give rise to a conflict of interest for the officer, particularly in the situation where the officer is employed within the funding department. In these circumstances, the County Council takes the view that there will be circumstances where an officer should not serve on the outside body because of the potential for a conflict of interest.

11. Further Information

If you require any further information about the issues raised in this Guidance Note please contact the Council's Monitoring Officer.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority	Councillor Nethsingha
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority - Audit and Governance Committee	Councillor Wilson
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority - Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Atkins Councillor Goldsack
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority	Councillor Bywater Councillor Dew Councillor Gardener Councillor Goodliffe Councillor Gowing Councillor Kindersley Councillor McGuire Councillor Murphy Councillor Rae Councillor Reynolds Councillor Slatter Councillor Smith Councillor Taylor
Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel	Councillor Bradnam Councillor Ferguson Councillor Tierney
County Councils' Network Council	Councillor Count Councillor Meschini Councillor Nethsingha Councillor Sanderson
East of England Local Government Association	Councillor Nethsingha
Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board	Councillor Meschini
Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly	Councillor Beckett Councillor Daunton Councillor Shailer
Local Government Association	Councillor Count Councillor Meschini Councillor Nethsingha Councillor Sanderson

A47 Alliance Steering Group	Councillor S King Vacancy
Anglian (Great Ouse) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	Councillor Dupre Councillor Ferguson Councillor Wilson
Anglian (Northern) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	Councillor Connor
Cambridge Airport Consultative Committee	Councillor Gay
Cambridge and District Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee	Councillor Shailer
Cambridge BID Board	Councillor Bird
Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital Engagement Board	Councillor Bird Vacancy
Cambridge Children's Hospital Liaison Group	Councillor Bulat Councillor Van de Ven
Cambridge Sports Hall Trust Management Committee	Councillor Rae
Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors	Councillor Bird
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Executive Committee – Housing and Communities	Councillor Whelan
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Executive Committee – Skills	Councillor Nethsingha
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Executive Committee – Transport and Infrastructure	Councillor Shailer
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Federation of Young Farmers Club	Councillor Bulat
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Flood & Water Partnership	Councillor Dupre
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Land Use Framework Leadership Group	Councillor Dupre
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust	Councillor Daunton

Cambridgeshire Consultative Group for the Fletton Brickworks Industry (Whittlesey)	Councillor Connor
Cambridgeshire Horizons Board	Councillor Nethsingha
Cambridgeshire Music Hub	Councillor Atkins Councillor Thompson
Cambridgeshire Schools Forum	Councillor Daunton Councillor Goodliffe Councillor Taylor
CEMEX Barrington Community Liaison Group	Councillor Kindersley Councillor McDonald
Clay Farm Centre Advisory Group	Councillor Slatter
Community Safety Partnerships	Councillor French Councillor Sanderson Councillor Shailer Councillor van de Ven Councillor Whelan
Conservators of the River Cam	Councillor Bradnam
Dimmocks Cote Liaison Group	Vacancy
Duxford Neighbours Forum	Councillor McDonald
East Anglia Reserve Forces and Cadets Association	Councillor Kindersley
East of England Local Government Association Children's Services and Education Portfolio-Holder Network	Councillor Goodliffe Councillor M King
East-West Rail Consortium Central Strategic Board	Councillor Nethsingha
England Economic Heartland Strategic Transport Leadership Board	Councillor Nethsingha
Envar Liaison Committee	Councillor Criswell
ESOL Local Planning Partnerships (North and South)	Councillor Bulat Councillor Hoy
ESPO Finance and Audit Sub Committee	Councillor Goodliffe
ESPO Management Committee	Councillor Ferguson Councillor Goodliffe
ESPO Shareholder Representative	Councillor Goodliffe
F40 Group	Councillor Goodliffe

FACT Community Transport Board	Councillor Boden
Great Fen Steering Committee	Councillor Costello
Greater Cambridge Local Plan Inception and Joint Local Planning Advisory Group	Councillor Shailer
Greensand Country Landscape Partnership	Councillor Kindersley
Growing Fenland Project Delivery Stakeholder Groups	Councillor Boden Councillor French Councillor Hay Councillor Tierney
Hinchingbrooke Country Park Joint Group	Councillor Billington
Huntingdon BID Board	Councillor Sanderson
Huntingdon Freeman's Trust	Councillor Sanderson
Hunts Forum of Voluntary Organisations	Councillor Sanderson Councillor Wilson
King Edward Community Centre Association	Councillor Hay
Little Paxton Quarry Liaison Group	Councillor Billington Councillor Prentice
Local Safeguarding Children's Board	Councillor Goodliffe
London Stansted Corridor Consortium Board	Councillor Bulat
March Educational Foundation	Councillor Gowing
Milton Landfill Liaison Group	Councillor Bradnam
Mitchell Hill Liaison Group	Councillor Bradnam Councillor Gough
Natural Cambridgeshire	Vacancy
Nature for Everyone Advisory Group	Councillor Bulat
Needham's Foundation, Ely	Councillor Coutts Councillor Whelan
Needingworth Quarry Liaison Group	Councillor Criswell Councillor Gough Councillor Reynolds Councillor Thompson
Northstowe Delivery Group	Councillor Thompson
North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors	Councillor Sanderson

Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROL) and Bus Lane Adjudication Joint Committee (BLASJC)	Councillor Shailer
Pathfinder Legal Services Limited	Murphy
Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Community Covenant (Military) Board	Councillor Kindersley
Ramsey Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Advisory Group	Councillor Corney Councillor Costello
RECAP Board	Councillor Hathorn
Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors	Councillor Slatter
Shepreth School Trust	Councillor McDonald
Soham and District Sports Association Management Committee	Councillor Goldsack
St Neots Master Plan Steering Group	Councillor Ferguson
St Neots Museum Management Committee	Councillor Taylor
This Land Board of Directors	Councillor Gough
Trigg's Charity (Melbourn)	Councillor van de Ven
Warboys Landfill Site Liaison Group	Councillor Corney
Warboys Site Liaison Committee	Councillor Corney
Waterbeach Waste Management Park Liaison Group	Councillor Bradnam

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority

Background

Comprised of Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Fenland District Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, Peterborough City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, the Combined Authority is the product of a devolution deal made with the government in 2016.

Key ambitions for the Combined Authority include:

- doubling the size of the local economy;
- accelerating house building rates to meet local and UK need;
- delivering outstanding and much needed connectivity in terms of transport and digital links;
- providing the UK's most technically skilled workforce;
- transforming public service delivery to be much more seamless and responsive to local need;
- growing international recognition for our knowledge based economy; and
- improving the quality of life by tackling areas suffering from deprivation.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 11
Approved by: Council
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor L Nethsingha (LD)

Report from Representative

Councillor Nethsingha

As Council will be aware the CPCA has had a busy year. Following the departure of the previous Chief Executive, the acting CEO Gordon Mitchell acted quickly to ensure very significant progress has been made over the course of the past 9 months. There has been a significant turn-over of senior staff at the CPCA and new permanent appointments have been made to key posts. The need to move quickly to support rural bus services following Stagecoach's withdrawal from a number of key routes has been difficult but decisions made at the CPCA led to a continuation of most services, albeit with some changes, which have led to problems for some groups of bus users. Without the fast action of the CPCA, and the decision to introduce a Mayoral precept to support bus services, many rural communities would be left with no bus provision at all. Work to move to a franchise system for Cambridgeshire is continuing, and will form a key part of the work of the CPCA for the coming year.

The new University in Peterborough has opened and the partnership with ARU is working well. It is exciting to see new students studying for degrees in Peterborough and the CPCA remains committed to increasing the offer on the new University site.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Audit and Governance Committee

Background

The Audit and Governance Committee's role is to review the Combined Authority's financial affairs, internal control, corporate governance arrangements and risk management.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	5
Approved by:	Council
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor G Wilson (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Wilson

The Committee is chaired by an independent person, John Pye, and includes representatives from all the constituent councils.

The Committee receives regular updates from the Chief Executive and Directors and is able to challenge and ask questions on matters concerning risk, governance and the annual accounts.

The Audit and Governance Committee works in parallel to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC). OSC is concerned with the review of CPCA's policy, its formulation and implementation. The Audit and Governance Committee operates to ensure that the governance and risk environment within the CPCA is effective and that financial management is fit for purpose.

In April/May 2022, the CPCA commissioned an independent review of governance and ways of working to identify key issues and barriers in delivering effective governance and make recommendations for improvement. The results of that work were overtaken by:

- The External Auditor intervening in June 2022 to raise a value for money risk, because of significant weaknesses in the CPCA's governance arrangements
- In January 2023, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC), issued a Best Value Notice that formally summarised the Department's significant concerns regarding CPCA's governance and the need for engagement to provide assurance of improvement
- A number of negative internal audits were issued with the likelihood that the CPCA will receive a qualified opinion from the Internal Auditor for the second year running

The Committee's work this year has thus been dominated by the CPCA's actions in response to these weaknesses. The Committee received updates from the Chief Executive Officer and Lead Officers for their "Improvement Plan" at all of their meetings since June 2022, and have provided direct feedback to the CPCA Board.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Background

The role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to scrutinise decisions by the Combined Authority or the Mayor.

Information

No. of representatives: 2
Meetings per annum: 11
Approved by: Council
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body

Representatives for 2022/23: Councillor M Atkins (LD)
Councillor M Goldsack (Con)

Report by Representative

Councillor Goldsack

I must say I've found this committee frustrating as it pivoted from one approach of lead member to alternative approaches. The end result is that O&S of the CPCA has been limited and no deep dives. The committee has been hampered by officer positions and changes at CPCA. On the positive front I do feel that despite probable changes post local elections the committee is now better structured and the CPCA itself better populated with staff than for a long while it is set for a much improved 2023/24.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority

Background

The Fire Authority is the governing body responsible for delivering a fire and rescue service to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It was established in 1998 when Peterborough City became a unitary authority.

The main responsibilities of the Fire Authority are set out in the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 and include promoting fire safety, protecting life and property from fires and rescuing people from road traffic collisions.

The Fire Authority makes decisions about how the local fire and rescue service operates and reviews performance and policies. It also sets the budget each year and decides the corporate priorities.

Information

No. of representatives: 13
Meetings per annum: 3
Approved by: Council
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body

Representatives for 2022/23:

- Councillor S Bywater (Con)
- Councillor H Cox Condron (Lab)
- Councillor I Gardener (Con)
- Councillor J Gowing (Con)
- Councillor B Goodliffe (Lab)
- Councillor S Kindersley (LD)
- Councillor P McDonald (LD)
- Councillor M McGuire (Con)
- Councillor E Murphy (LD)
- Councillor K Reynolds (Con)
- Councillor P Slatter (LD)
- Councillor M Smith (Con)
- Councillor S Taylor (Ind)

Reports are presented at the March and October Full Council meetings, where Members also have the opportunity to put questions to the Council's representatives.

Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel

Background

The role of the panel is to scrutinise the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Information

No. of representatives: 3
Meetings per annum: 7 approximately
Approved by: Council
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body representative

Representatives for 2022/23: Councillor A Bradnam (LD)
Councillor S Ferguson (Ind)
Councillor S Tierney (Con)

Reports by Representatives

Councillor Bradnam

The Police and Crime Panel (PCP) provides checks and balances on the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The Panel does not scrutinise Cambridgeshire Constabulary; it scrutinises how the PCC carries out his statutory responsibilities.

The PCP has 11 elected councillors from LAs across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and two independent members, one of whom chairs the Panel. The PCP is currently hosted by Peterborough City Council.

The responsibilities of the Panel include:

- Review and make recommendations on the draft Police and Crime Plan and its priorities
- Scrutinise the PCC, Darryl Preston
- Review the PCC's appointment of Chief Executive, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy PCC where one is appointed
- Monitor all complaints against the PCC
- Veto powers on the PCC's proposed annual council tax precept and appointment of Chief Constable.

Councillor Tierney

The Police and Crime Panel is functional and continues to do a reasonable job of scrutinising the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Its hard to write a report as its agenda is long and varied, but it seems to be operating well given its limitations.

County Council's Network Council

Background

The County Councils Network (CCN) Council is a cross-party special interest group of the Local Government Association, representing England's county local authorities. Over the past few years, CCN has grown into an influential organisation, both nationally and within Parliament, with its reports and advocacy influencing debates on the future of local services, with its work securing concessions from national governments. Its small team is based in Westminster.

Information

No. of representatives: 4
Meetings per annum: 3-4
Approved by: Council
Guidance Classification: Unincorporated Association

Representatives for 2022/23: Councillor S Count (Con)
Councillor E Meschini (Lab)
Councillor L Nethsingha (LD)
Councillor T Sanderson (Ind)

Reports by Representatives

Councillor Count

The CCN represents 23 County Councils and 13 Unitaries who serve approximately 25million of England's residents. At each meeting there is normally a number of national briefings and opportunities to question ministers on issues that affect Local Government. A standing item is a report from the society of country treasurers which gives a strong indication of where policy and financial direction may be heading. These meetings are good for networking and cross pollination of ideas primarily in the pre meets. Their five-point plan released in September 2022 is just one of the well evidenced advocacy papers they produced, which helps County Councils explain their difficulties and offer solutions to Government. As a member of CCN apart from meetings there is a plethora of well-produced documentation that emerges and is useful reading.

Councillor Meschini

These are very useful meetings where council leaders can organise their response to national issues as well as exchange intelligence and best practice. Engagement with our peers on upper tier and unitary authorities remains very helpful, as does the ability to participate in events and, occasionally, access members of the government for questions.

Councillor Nethsingha

The CCN continues to provide very helpful briefings and lobbying support. Much of the work of the CCN for the past year has been focused on supporting new councils who are hoping to get new County Devolution deals, which has been less relevant to Cambridgeshire, as we already have a Devo Deal with a Mayor. However they have also been working on lobbying government over funding for upper tier councils, and we starting to work with them to understand the impact of climate change on the deterioration of our roads.

East of England Local Government Association

Background

The East of England LGA is a politically-led, cross party organisation which works on behalf of the 50 local councils in the East of England.

We aspire to be:

- A provider of innovative solutions to partners; delivering projects and services around key issues such as integration, commercialisation and organisational review.
- A highly respected and influential advocate for our members; promoting their leadership of their locality, as well as fighting for them to get the resources, powers and freedoms necessary to perform that role successfully.
- A catalyst for collaborative working; bringing together groups of councils to harness their collective strength and knowledge.
- An invaluable resource of specialist expertise and capacity; providing advice and support to councils on key issues.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 1 minimum
Approved by: Council
Guidance Classification: Unincorporated Association

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor L Nethsingha (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Nethsingha

I have attended a number of EELGA meetings, both in person in Westminster, and through online forums. The Westminster event is a useful occasion on which East of England Councils and MPs meet to discuss issues of relevance at all levels of government in our area. There was a strong sense that the East of England is not being given sufficient priority from government, especially in the distribution of levelling up funding. Politicians from across the area are agreed on the need to work together more effectively to lobby for our area.

Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board

Background

The Greater Cambridge Partnership works together to grow and share prosperity and improve quality of life for the people of Greater Cambridge, now and in the future, through multi-million pound improvements in vital infrastructure.

It is led by a decision-making Executive Board which coordinates the overall strategic vision and drives forward the partnership's programme of work. It is run in accordance with a clear governance structure, agreed by all partners.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	Quarterly
Approved by:	Council
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor E Meschini (Lab)

Report by Representative

Councillor Meschini

Cambridgeshire County Council is one of the three constituent authorities of the GCP, along with Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council. As of September 2021, CCC has the chair of the Executive Board, and this post is crucial to ensuring that CCC's needs and strategic priorities are reflected in the decisions made by the GCP as to which projects are invested in and progressed. As the GCP enters a crucial phase of delivery on many of its flagship programmes, this will remain the case throughout the lifetime of the City Deal.

Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly

Background

The Greater Cambridge Partnership works together to grow and share prosperity and improve quality of life for the people of Greater Cambridge, now and in the future, through multi-million pound improvements in vital infrastructure.

The Joint Assembly provides advice to the Executive Board, drawing on the broad expertise of its 15 members, who are three elected councillors from each of the three councils in the Greater Cambridge area. The other City Deal partners each nominate three representatives, as stakeholders from a range of organisations within the fields of business and academia.

Information

No. of representatives: 3
Meetings per annum: Quarterly
Approved by: Council
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body

Representatives for 2022/23: Councillor A Beckett (LD)
Councillor C Daunton (LD)
Councillor N Shailer (Lab)

Reports by Representatives

Councillor Beckett

The GCP assembly has been meeting quarterly in order to scrutinise and offer constructive support to the GCP work stream. Although non-decision making, these meetings are vital to offer recommendations and support to the GCP board. Meetings this year have been concentrated around traffic management in the city with the Sustainable Travel Zone proposals. We've also seen a focus on the GCP Greenway Projects and Cycling Plus. I'm sure all of these schemes will be familiar to members of the council.

Councillor Daunton

I was appointed a member from September 2022. In terms of transport, I have taken part in discussions concerning the 'Making Connections' consultation and on several of the Greenways, including briefing sessions and full Assembly meetings. I have also taken part in discussions on the skills and housing agenda, both in main committee meetings and in subgroups. The Assembly provides the opportunity for County, District and City colleagues to work closely with representatives of local business and the University of Cambridge.

Local Government Association

Background

A politically-led, cross-party organisation that works on behalf of councils to ensure local government has a strong, credible voice with national government. We aim to influence and set the political agenda on the issues that matter to councils so they are able to deliver local solutions to national problems.

Information

No. of representatives: 4
Meetings per annum: 3-4
Approved by: Council
Guidance Classification: Unincorporated Association

Representatives for 2022/23: Councillor S Count (Con)
Councillor L Nethsingha (LD)
Councillor E Meschini (Lab)
Councillor T Sanderson (Ind)

Reports by Representatives

Councillor Count

The Local Government Association is a national membership body encompassing District, Unitary and County authorities. They are also a major bridge between Local and National Government. Attendance has been less than I would have liked due to diary clashes, and a cancelled meeting. However, their regular informative updates which I read can prove invaluable. Conservative pre briefs, which I have sometimes been able to get to are also very informative for more informal understandings of the different perspectives of different tiers of local government. Outside of these meetings the LGA has various boards that perform in depth work on specific areas of local Government interest. These really help spread best practise, analyse national data and will often perform an advocacy role and or a sounding board opportunity in relation to Government policy.

Councillor Meschini

The LGA continues to help the administration access a multitude of resources that are available to CCC as a member. After the very successful outcome of the peer review process, the LGA's resources and access to the LGA's own leaders for advice and training as well as more party political briefings and resources remains extremely valuable.

Councillor Nethsingha

The LGA continues to be a much-valued source of information and support, which has included the LGA Peer Review and follow up visit for Cambridgeshire County Council. This is further supported by access to the LGA Regional Adviser and her team within the East of England, who have provided support for a range of Council services and functions. Additionally, the LGA Annual Conference enables contemporary policy discussions between the Government and Councils. The provision of LGA webinars, seminars and training also continues to be very important to enable elected members, from all groups, to fulfil their roles and responsibilities.

A47 Alliance Steering Group

Background

To act as a special interest group to support the strategic case for improvements on the A47 corridor between the port at Great Yarmouth and the A1.

The A47 Alliance shall support the transport authorities along the route, the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough LEP.

Information

No. of representatives:	2
Meetings per annum:	2
Approved by:	Highways and Transport Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body representative

Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor S King (Con) Vacancy
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Report by Representative

Councillor King

The A47 Alliance has met three times during the municipal year 2022/2023, all of them via Teams. After many false starts, the dualling of some sections of the road in Norfolk have been delayed by a legal challenge relating to the methodology the government uses to assess environmental impact.

The Joint Administration is committed to ensuring that the environmental impact of dualling is fully considered. Consequently the A47 Alliance has commissioned a study assessing whether or not the environmental impact of not dualling is greater than dualling. The cost of the study to each of the partners will be approximately £5,000.

As I represent the northernmost Division in Cambridgeshire, I fully support the Joint Administration's commitment to incremental improvements, such as the Guyhirn roundabout, as full dualling can only be a long-term aspiration. It is essential to the future development of the north of the County that Cambridgeshire County Council remains fully engaged with the A47 Alliance.

Anglian (Great Ouse) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

Background

The Regional Flood and Coastal Committee is a body through which the Environment Agency carries out its work on flood risk management and is responsible for:

- maintaining or improving any watercourses which are designated as main rivers;
- maintaining or improving any tidal defences;
- installing and operating flood warning systems;
- controlling actions by riparian owners and occupiers which might interfere with the free flow of watercourses; and
- supervising Internal Drainage Boards.

Information

No. of representatives: 3
Meetings per annum: 2
Approved by: Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body representative

Representatives for 2022/23: Councillor L Dupre (LD)
Councillor S Ferguson (Ind)
Councillor G Wilson (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Dupré

Meetings took place on 21 April, 21 July, and 20 October 2022, and 26 January 2023. Across the catchment, on behalf of all authorities the Environment Agency bid for £15.6 million for flood and coastal risk defence schemes. Whilst only £10.4 million has been allocated, the majority of projects can accommodate a deferral by one year and as such deliverability should not be impacted significantly. The committee voted for an increase of 3 per cent on the level of local levy for the year ending 31 March 2024. The committee has discussed the impending implementation of Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and recognises the burden this will place on local authorities who will become SuDS Approval Bodies. At the April 2022 meeting we were given the opportunity to present to the committee on the successful publication of Cambridgeshire's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

Anglian (Northern) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

Background

See description for Anglian (Central) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.

Cambridgeshire shares a seat on this Committee with Peterborough City Council and Rutland County Council. Cambridgeshire County Council currently attends these meetings as an observer only – as stated it's a shared seat and voting rights for the year 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018 are held by the Peterborough City Council Member. The RFCC however encourages all members (whether they are able to vote or not) to attend all Committee meetings.

No report submitted.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 4-5
Approved by: Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body representative

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor D Connor (Con)

Cambridge Airport Consultative Committee

Background

The purpose of the Consultative Committee is to provide an effective forum for discussion about all matters concerning the operation and development of Cambridge Airport.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	3
Approved by:	Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor N Gay (Lab)

No report submitted.

Cambridge and District Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee

Background

To provide free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to the public. Its aims are to provide the advice people need for the problems they face and improve the policies and practices that affect people's lives.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 4-6
Approved by: Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee
Guidance Classification: Charity and limited company
Representative for 2022/23: Councillor N Gay (Lab)

No report submitted.

Cambridge BID Board

Background

A five-year initiative set up by Cambridge businesses/organisations to ensure continued investment in Cambridge City Centre.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 6
Approved by: Strategy and Resources Committee
Guidance Classification: Regulated Director

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor G Bird (Lab)

No report submitted.

Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital Engagement Board

Background

Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital will be a new, purpose-built, specialist cancer research hospital where the majority of Cambridge University Hospital's cancer staff will be based.

Information

No. of representatives: 2
Meetings per annum: TBC
Approved by: Adults and Health Committee
Guidance Classification: Other public body representative

Representatives for 2022/23: Councillor S van de Ven (LD)
Vacancy

Report by Representative

Councillor Van de Ven

It has been useful to have a forward glance at plans for the new Cancer Research Hospital. Looking forward to increased engagement as plans progress.

Cambridge Children's Hospital Liaison Group

Background

Cambridge Children's Hospital is a world first hospital which will provide a whole new way of caring for children and young people. It will be the first hospital in the world that fully integrates mental and physical health provision so that young people and their families experience complete and seamless care according to their individual needs. This will be underpinned by world-class research in child health and genomics. There will be more provision for intensive care, specialist wards will provide children in crisis with safe spaces to get better and dedicated operating theatres will facilitate thousands of live-saving procedures.

Information

No. of representatives:	2
Meetings per annum:	TBC
Approved by:	Adults and Health Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other public body representative
Representatives for 2022/23:	Councillor A Bulat (Lab) Councillor S van de Ven (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Bulat

Cllr Susan van de Ven and I had a couple of initial meetings with the Liaison group this year. One consisted of a briefing about the project and another focused on questions around engagement with various stakeholders. I contributed in particular on the points of community engagement, ensuring the project leads are speaking with a wide range of stakeholders as well as underrepresented communities who would be using the NHS services.

Councillor Van de Ven

It has been extremely useful to meet on a regular basis with the Cambridge Children's Hospital Liaison Group in order to gain a sense of the approach guiding the formation of this new hospital and the approach to the care of children and young people.

Cambridge Sports Hall Trust Management Committee

Background

A management committee administering the running of the Kelsey Kerridge Sports Hall in Cambridge.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 6
Approved by: Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee
Guidance Classification: Charity
Representative for 2022/23: Councillor C Rae (Lab)

No report submitted.

Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors

Background

The Board of Governors represents patients, public and staff. The majority of the Governors are elected by the membership. Governors provide a direct link to the local community and represent the interests of members and the wider public in the stewardship and development of the Trust.

No report submitted.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	4
Approved by:	Adults and Health Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor G Bird (Lab)

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Executive Committee - Employment

Background

The Employment Committee includes the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the portfolio holder for Strategic Planning and two other members of the Board.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	When needed
Approved by:	The Council's representative on the Combined Authority Board nominates the representative and substitute to this committee.
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor L Nethsingha (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Nethsingha

The Combined Authority Employment Committee has been involved in addressing a range of important matters during the last year. This has included considering the proposed restructuring of the senior officer arrangements for the Authority and then leading the subsequent appointment processes. I am pleased to report that the Combined Authority has now appointed a new, substantive Chief Executive to lead the officers of the authority, who will take up post in early June 2023. In addition, substantive appointments have been made to the key roles of Executive Director of Resources and Performance (Statutory Chief Financial Officer) and Executive Director of Business and Skills. In addition to these key appointments, the Employment Committee has been involved in approving a range of human resources policies for the authority, as part of the work embed effective governance arrangements and support for the staff of the authority.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Executive Committee – Housing and Communities

Background

The main role of the Housing and Communities Committee is to make recommendations to the Combined Authority Board on:

- Housing Strategy
- The Housing Investment Fund
- The programme of housing projects

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	6
Approved by:	The Council's representative on the Combined Authority Board nominates the representative and substitute to this committee.
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor A Whelan (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Whelan

The committee has delivered a significant number of houses, despite the restriction on funding placed on the use of the funds for the Affordable housing programme now effectively being at an end and the only activities are to issue the remaining grants to approved funds. Grants were made available to assist CLTs, however, no funds had been drawn by successful applications so the scheme is to be wound down. The delivery of the Digital Connectivity Strategy 2021- 2025 is a key contributor to the Combined Authority's sustainable growth ambitions for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, helping to ensure that a ubiquitous and accessible digital connectivity infrastructure is available to all – supporting effective public service delivery, thriving communities and sustainable business growth. Connecting Cambridgeshire is working with local authorities and mobile network operators (MNOs) looking to invest in 4G and 5G networks to improve coverage and capacity, which will have a long-term economic impact for the area. This includes commissioning local surveys to understand areas of poor mobile connectivity and comprehensive data analysis of planning applications.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Executive Committee - Skills

Background

The Skills Committee's main role is to make recommendations to the Combined Authority Board on Skills Strategy and the skills budget, innovation fund and the Adult Education Fund.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 6
Approved by: The Council's representative on the Combined Authority Board nominates the representative and substitute to this committee.
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body
Representative for 2022/23: Councillor L Nethsingha (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Nethsingha

The CPCA Skills Committee has continued to be a place where cross party working and support have thrived. The CPCA has been successful in bidding for more funding for the skills work in a range of areas, and I have been delighted with the work being done by the committee. Many thanks to Councillors and Officers who have made Skills Committee a pleasure to chair!

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Executive Committee – Transport and Infrastructure

Background

The main role of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee is to make recommendations on the following matters to the Combined Authority Board:

- The Local Transport Plan
- Bus Strategy
- The transport revenue budget, including any transport levy
- The annual programme of strategic transport projects and the associated capital investment budget
- Borrowing powers exercised as the Local Transport Authority
- Creation of the key route network

No report submitted.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	6
Approved by:	The Council's representative on the Combined Authority Board nominates the representative and substitute to this committee.
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor N Shailer (Lab)

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Federation of Young Farmers Club

Background

To provide training and social facilities for young members of the community.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 6
Approved by: Children and Young People Committee
Guidance Classification: Unincorporated Association Member

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor A Bulat (Lab)

Report by Representative

Councillor Bulat

I attended most monthly meetings of the Young Farmers this year. The meetings consist of updates from the county's clubs as well as discussing events, training and competitions. In one meeting, Cllr Peter McDonald offered a presentation about County Farms and we had a discussion on the barriers for young farmers, especially those who do not necessarily come from farming families, to be more involved and encouraged to apply for tenancies if they wish to do so. Previous councillor Hilary Cox Condron and I also did an informal survey of the members present on any county issues and passed on feedback to relevant officers such as in Highways on the concerns raised. For the May meeting, I arranged for Cllr Neil Shailer to offer a presentation on Highways issues and I plan to engage the young farmers group with various areas of county policy going forward.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Flood & Water Partnership

Background

The partnership is required by legislation - namely the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 4
Approved by: Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body representative

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor Lorna Dupré (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Dupré

Meetings took place on 4 May, 12 September, and 12 December 2022, and 15 March 2023. Membership has expanded to include representation from the Combined Authority. Topics covered over the year include the Nene Strategy, Oxford to Cambridge Pan-Regional Partnership, Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, and the Middle Level bank raising scheme. The structure has expanded to include sub-groups relating to operational flooding issues and planning/development. These sub-groups report into the wider partnership. Meeting notes are now published on our website on a quarterly basis which has not previously been the case. This has been well received by members of the public who now have visibility of what is discussed.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Land Use Framework Leadership Group

Background

This group works with local authorities, farmers, environmental agencies, NGOs and other interested groups to further develop a land use framework for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and help better ways for making decisions about land evolve in the county.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	4
Approved by:	Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor L Dupré (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Dupré

The Leadership Group has met twice since 1 April 2022, both hybrid meetings at the David Attenborough Building in Cambridge. The Food, Farming and Countryside Commission continue to lead the work and have commissioned 'Vizzuality', a company specialising in digital solutions for mapping and interpreting data, to source and combine datasets to develop the framework. The Leadership Group meetings have involved presentations on the nature of the work, and provided an opportunity for those organisations to discuss and develop their own aspirations for the framework. The next meeting will involve a presentation on the development and model to date, which appears to be a very high level compilation of datasets that normally do not sit together at a strategic level. More recently, DEFRA and the House of Lords have supported the concept of a national land use framework that is felt to be essential for ensuring that as a country, we make best use of our land resources to help deliver priorities around food, energy, net zero and climate. The FFCC have proposed a national model, and both the Cambridgeshire and Devon pilot projects are seen to be key to that national picture.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust

Background

Provides mental health and specialist learning disability services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Also provides some specialist services on a regional and national basis. Partners are Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council, NHS Cambridgeshire and NHS Peterborough.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	4
Approved by:	Adults and Health Committee
Guidance Classification:	Partner Governor on the Council of Governors
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor C Daunton (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Daunton

I serve as a County-appointed governor on CPFT and have done so for the past two years. I have attended each quarterly governor meeting, alongside regular informal governor meetings. We have regular training sessions and service visits and I have attended all I am able to alongside other commitments. There are also quarterly liaison meetings with members of the Adult and Health committee and all those concerned (myself included) find these very valuable. Our recent liaison meetings have looked at staff recruitment and retention, children's services, community mental health services, waiting list.

Cambridgeshire Consultative Group for the Fletton Brickworks Industry (Whittlesey)

Background

The aim of this group is to develop and maintain lines of communication between the site operator, the County Council, other regulatory bodies and the local community in order that matters of concern can be resolved in a timely and non-confrontational manner.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	2
Approved by:	Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor D Connor (Con)

No report submitted.

Cambridgeshire Horizons Board

Background

Cambridgeshire Horizons still exists as a Limited company to oversee three “live” Rolling Fund investments, two loans and one equity investment, with an initial total value of £20.5m, to support a number of growth projects and developments around Cambridgeshire.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 1
Approved by: Strategy and Resources Committee
Guidance Classification: Company Director

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor L Nethsingha (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Nethsingha

There have been no meetings of the Cambridgeshire Horizons Board this year.

Cambridgeshire Music Hub

Background

A partnership of school music providers, led by the County Council, to deliver the government's National Plan for School Music.

Information

No. of representatives:	2
Meetings per annum:	3
Approved by:	Children and Young People Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body representative
Representatives for 2022/23:	Councillor M Atkins (LD) Councillor F Thompson (LD)

Report by Representatives

Councillor Atkins

Councillors have continued to provide advice and guidance via the delegated (from CYP Committee) Advisory Board for the Music Education Hub. The Hub has been working with the Lead Partner, Cambridgeshire Music on several reorganisation and development projects during the year alongside the sustainability of existing programme activity. In particular the Board has been supporting change to place its work in the best position to respond to the new National Plan for Music Education, pending the national funding application process due this year. This has meant careful restructuring of instrument loan schemes to schools and staffing structures in the Lead Partner, development of new programmes at the Histon Centre and further centre planning in East Cambridgeshire and Fenland, provision of a new schools music development process (now embedded within the new National Plan) and a procurement process for a new management system to support work. The value of national funding over the last decade has fallen due to inflation and the impact of this and the national actions in schools have continued to have an effect on financial planning, requiring very close monitoring in the coming year. Continuation of provision already underway is the priority of the Board whilst enabling new programmes to be prepared for a future point when additional finance is available to start them.

Cambridgeshire Schools Forum

Background

The Cambridgeshire Schools Forum exists to facilitate the involvement of schools and settings in the distribution of relevant funding within the local authority area.

Information

No. of representatives: 3
Meetings per annum: 6
Approved by: Children and Young People Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body representative

Representatives for 2022/23: Councillor C Daunton (LD)
Councillor B Goodliffe (Lab)
Councillor S Taylor (Ind)

Reports by Representatives

Councillor Daunton

The Schools Forum brings together representatives from across the state-funded school sector to consider and debate issues of funding and related matters. It is an important forum for County and schools to exchange information and opinion. There are regular quarterly meetings, with other meetings called to consider particular issues. Over the past year, in addition to the regular discussions concerning allocation of school funding the Forum has had additional sessions concerning special education needs and disability (SEND). The County has just been successful in its bid to central government for additional funding under the 'safety valve' arrangement.

Councillor Goodliffe

Cambridgeshire Schools Forum works with voting members from Academies; Mainstream Primaries and Secondaries and Special School to discuss the following and agree and hold the County Council to account for:

- DSG Funding Arrangements;
- High Needs Block Transfers;
- Notional SEN / High Needs Contingency;
- Central School Services Block;
- De-Delegations within maintained primary schools; and
- Growth Funding / new schools.
- Retained Funding and De-Delegations (Maintained Primary only)

The forum works together to discuss the funding issues faced by schools, to allocate the funding across Cambridgeshire, hold the Council to account for its funding delegations and to work with partners to establish fair funding for the County.

Councillor Taylor

This Forum is mandatory which gives schools greater involvement in the distribution of funding. LA regularly consults with the Forum on the School Funding Formula. As well as other issues in connection with school budgets. There are three councillor members who attend and are non-voting. I think it is very important that we attend the forum as a member of CYP to understand the issues our schools face in Cambridgeshire. Some of the discussions are around the allocation of the Dedicated School Grant, Central School Spend, Funding Formula changes for schools and financial issues relating to arrangements for pupils with special educational needs, this is not an exhaustive list. Within the Forum there is much discussion around the transfer into the high needs block, The LA had good news this year with an agreement forged between CCC & National Government known as a Safety Valve, which has given a package of support worth £49million which will take the pressure off SEND provisions.

CEMEX Barrington Community Liaison Group

Background

The aim of this group is to develop and maintain lines of communication between the site operator, the County Council, other regulatory bodies and the local community in order that matters of concern can be resolved in a timely and non-confrontational manner.

Information

No. of representatives: 2
Meetings per annum: 2-3
Approved by: Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body representative

Representatives for 2022/23: Councillor S Kindersley (LD)
Councillor P McDonald (LD)

No report submitted.

Clay Farm Centre Advisory Group

Background

The Advisory Group will support and make recommendations to the Centre Manager and /or Partnership review meetings.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	4
Approved by:	Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor P Slatter (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Slatter

The Clay Farm Advisory Group was of course disbanded last year.

Community Safety Partnerships

Background

Statutory Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs, also known as Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs)) were set up in each district council area of Cambridgeshire in 1998 (Cambridge City, East Cambridgeshire, Fenland, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire (Crime Reduction Partnership)). The partnerships are responsible for carrying out a three yearly audit to review the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and misuse of drugs, to analyse and consult on the results, and subsequently develop a three-year strategy for tackling crime and disorder and combating the misuse of drugs.

Information

No. of representatives:	5 (1 to each District)
Meetings per annum:	3-4
Approved by:	Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body representative
Representatives for 2022/23:	Councillor J French (Con) Councillor T Sanderson (Ind) Councillor N Shailer (Lab) Councillor S Van de Ven (LD) Councillor A Whelan (LD)

Reports by Representatives

Councillor Van de Ven

It has been enlightening and productive to attend and be part of the CSP for South Cambs, and to understand the nature of multi-agency problem solving work for the benefit of residents and communities. This is a unique opportunity to liaise with the Police and Fire service, and the District Council.

Councillor Whelan

I am not a representative on the Community Safety Partnership and have received no contact or information from them in the last 12 months.

Conservators of the River Cam

Background

The Conservators are the statutory navigation authority for Cambridge between the Mill Pond in Silver Street to Bottisham Lock with lesser responsibilities up-stream to Byron's Pool.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	4
Approved by:	Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor A Bradnam (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Bradnam

The duties and powers of the Conservators are derived from Acts of Parliament, dating back to 1702. Conservators are appointed for terms of three years by the City Council (7 members), University (3), Environment Agency (2) and the County Council (1) and have quarterly public meetings. Income is derived from registration fees.

In 2022 maintenance of the River Cam navigation was contracted out. Strong winds damaged trees along the towpath, which were made safe. A five year maintenance plan was agreed. The County Council is responsible for maintenance of the towpath surface, which is a PRow and permissive cycle path (Halingway) and for collection of litter.

Dimmocks Cote Liaison Group

Background

The aim of this group is to develop and maintain lines of communication between the site operator, the County Council & other regulatory bodies and the local community in order that matters of concern can be resolved in a timely and non-confrontational manner.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 1-2
Approved by: Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body representative

Representative for 2022/23: Vacancy

No report submitted.

Duxford Neighbours Forum

Background

Liaison meeting with the Director of the Museum.

Information

No. of representatives: 1

Meetings per annum: 2

Approved by: Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee

Guidance Classification: Other Public Body representative

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor P McDonald (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor McDonald

1x meeting. On going discussions with IWM on flying days and other events.

East Anglia Reserve Forces and Cadets Association

Background

To raise, recruit and administer the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve and Cadet Forces.

Information

No. of representatives: 1

Meetings per annum: 2

Approved by: Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee

Guidance Classification: Unincorporated Association Member

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor S Kindersley (LD)

No report submitted.

East of England and Local Government Association Children's Services and Education Portfolio Holder Network

Background

The network brings together the lead members for children's service and education from the 11 strategic authorities in the East of England.

It aims to:

- Give councils in the East of England a collective voice in response to consultations and lobbying activity;
- Provide a forum for discussion on matters of common concern and share best practice; and
- Provide the means by which the East of England contributes to the work of the national Local Government Association (LGA) and makes best use of its members' outside appointments.

Information

No. of representatives: 2
Meetings per annum: 4
Approved by: Children and Young People Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body representative

Representatives for 2022/23: Councillor B Goodliffe (Lab)
Councillor M King (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Goodliffe

This year we have responded to the Levelling Up in the East of England, SEND review and Children's Services review.

We have also discussed key areas of complexity and difficulty and how the region can work together to address these – placement Sufficiency and the impact of changes to regulation.

As a region we are able to compare data, share success and work together to support Children across the region. We also work to highlight the additional population growth the region has experienced (488,000 residents, or 8.3%) of all regions over the last 10 years and the impact this has had on local services where funding has not proportionately increased.

The region continues to share knowledge, experience and plans to enable collaboration and regional response.

East-West Rail Consortium Central Strategic Board

Background

The East West Rail Consortium has the objective of promoting and securing a strategic railway connecting East Anglia with Central, Southern and Western England, including a spur to Aylesbury. It brings together local authorities and local enterprise partnerships, as well as Network Rail and the Department for Transport, in a collaborative partnership that has actively supported the development and delivery of East West Rail for over 20 years. 2019 is a pivotal year for East West Rail, with the public inquiry into the Transport and Works Act Order for the western section, and the East West Railway Company consulting on route options for the central section between Bedford and Cambridge.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: To be agreed
Approved by: Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body representative

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor L Nethsingha (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Nethsingha

I do not believe the E-W Road Consortium has held any Board meetings this year. Its work over the year was held up by conflicting messages from government on the priority being given to East-West Rail, it was good to hear the new Chancellor offer a stronger commitment to the project in the Autumn Statement, and we look forward to further work this year.

England Economic Heartland Strategic Transport Leadership Board

Background

To provide leadership and oversight of all aspects of the sub-national transport body, England's Economic Heartland (EEH), merging the previous functions of the Strategic Transport Forum and EEH Leaders meeting.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: TBC
Approved by: Highways and Transport Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body representative

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor Lucy Nethsingha (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Nethsingha

EEH meetings this year have felt useful and productive, although the lack of direction from central government for much of the year meant we largely focused on conversations between councils. There are very good working relationships across councils and political groups on EEH, with a number of useful key projects. The work on sharing data and modelling has born fruit, and I hope the new tools are being used by our officers. There is a strong desire to share learning across councils on projects such as demand responsive transport and use of electric micro-transport, which are being explored in a number of different councils in different ways. There is also a desire to ensure that road transport projects are viewed together across councils to try to get a bigger impact than can be achieved by lots of small projects which don't join up effectively.

Envar Liaison Committee

Background

The aim of this group is to develop and maintain lines of communication between the site operator, the County Council & other regulatory bodies and the local community in order that matters of concern can be resolved in a timely and non-confrontational manner.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 2
Approved by: Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body representative
Representatives for 2022/23: Councillor S Criswell (Con)

Report by Representative

Councillor Criswell

is useful to attend as it is a very active site and attracts much public interest. There is a long-running live planning application which is proving controversial, so the group has not met in the last 12 months.

ESOL Local Planning Partnerships (North and South)

Background

To provide whole-system leadership in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, working towards co-production, to:

- Provide a collaborative approach to Local ESOL coordination at sub-regional, city-wide and district council level
- Improve the effectiveness in providing ESOL support to all CPCA residents and to maximize opportunities and outcomes for citizens and our regional businesses
- Provide an impartial and proactive networking group which includes providers, both large and small, and other third sector organisations offering support and meeting the needs of a range of client groups including new residents, migrants, established communities, asylum seekers and refugees.

Information

No. of representatives:	2 (one for each partnership)
Meetings per annum:	4
Approved by:	Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body representative
Representatives for 2022/23:	Councillor A Bulat (Lab) Councillor S Hoy (Con)

Report by Representative

Councillor Bulat

This year, I chaired four meetings of the South ESOL Local Planning Partnership. This is a very useful forum bringing together Combined Authority officers, Cambridgeshire Skills, researchers and a variety of ESOL providers and agencies to discuss data, emerging themes and challenges in ESOL provision. The North Partnership has also been progressing, but currently chaired by officers while a chair is being confirmed. The Partnership had its first - and very well-attended - hybrid conference in the autumn of 2022 at the Cambridge Regional College, focusing on challenges and solutions in ESOL provision for refugees and asylum seekers, including unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. The Partnership agreed to a proposal to establish a single point of contact for ESOL which is currently being developed. My new role as a Migrant Champion will also be useful for my continued involvement in the Partnership, as English language provision is fundamental to migrant and refugee integration in our county.

ESPO Finance and Audit Sub-Committee

Background

This is a Sub Committee of the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) Management Committee, which is a local authority purchasing consortium made up of the following six local authorities: Cambridgeshire County Council, Leicestershire County Council, Lincolnshire County Council, Norfolk County Council, Peterborough City Council and Warwickshire Council.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	2
Approved by:	Strategy and Resources Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor B Goodliffe (Lab)

Report by Representative

Councillor Goodliffe

A sub-committee that reviews and scrutinises the finances and audit of ESPO prior to their being taken to the management committee. An excellent resource and opportunity to understand the financial works of ESPO. A place for full detail of finances and audit and much discussion and scrutiny occurs. This is then used to ensure fair reports are sent to Management Committee. The committee receives internal and external audit reports and oversee the Corporate Risk Register. I have attended these meetings and have seen how they contribute to the ESPO Management.

ESPO Management Committee

Background

Purchasing and contracting service for 10 member Authorities.

Information

No. of representatives: 2
Meetings per annum: 4
Approved by: Strategy and Resources Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body representative

Representatives for 2022/23: Councillor S Ferguson (Ind)
Councillor B Goodliffe (Lab)

Reports by Representative

Councillor Goodliffe

The Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) is a local authority purchasing consortium made up of the following six local authorities: Cambridgeshire County Council, Leicestershire County Council, Lincolnshire County Council, Norfolk County Council, Peterborough City Council and Warwickshire Council.

Its role is to provide its members and other client bodies with a comprehensive, cost effective contracting and procurement service through a diverse range of commodities, products and services. The Management Committee has overall strategic responsibility of ESPO and as such, regularly reviews the Financial Performance Strategy; Operational Processes; Staffing and Risks & Governance. Councillors from all the authorities hold ESPO to account in terms of scrutiny and challenge and ESPO continues to provide excellent customer service in difficult times.

ESPO Shareholder Representative

Background

Representing Cambridgeshire's interests with respect to ESPO Trading Limited.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: -
Approved by: Strategy and Resources Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body Representative (the Council partly owns ESPO Trading Limited (less than 20%) so the Councillor is the shareholder representative)

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor B Goodliffe (Lab)

Report by Representative

Councillor Goodliffe

I have continued to represent Cambridgeshire's shareholding in ESPO via attendance at shareholder meetings and Management and Financial & Audit Committees.

F40 GROUP

Background

F40 represents a group of the poorest funded education authorities in England where government-set cash allocations for primary and secondary pupils are the lowest in the country.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	To be agreed
Approved by:	Children and Young People Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body Representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor B Goodliffe (Lab)

Report by Representative

Councillor Goodliffe

This year F40 has been carried out the following:

- Wrote to key Government ministers and departments about the need for fairer and greater education funding, and the crisis in SEND, including:
 - Education Secretaries x2
 - Prime Minister
 - Chancellor
 - SEND Review Team and DfE

Requested a meeting with Education Secretary and DfE SEND team

Held a webinar with the DfE for all f40 members to attend Met with Robin Walker MP (now chair of Education Select Committee)

Held two briefings for MPs in Westminster in May and July to share concerns about funding Worked alongside f40 Labour Vice Chair Emma Hardy MP to table questions in the House

Responded to three Government education funding consultations:

- SEND Review consultation (July)
- NFF consultation (September)
- Early Years consultation (September)

Working to secure a debate on SEND in the House of Commons (in progress)

Produced a range of materials to demonstrate our concerns around education funding Attended National Children and Adult Services Conference in Manchester to talk to delegates about education funding

Wrote an opinion piece for Schools Week on SEND – published in October

Gathering case studies to demonstrate how schools are struggling (in progress)

As you can see, F40 continues to work with partners to lobby for equitable funding for all children across the Country. This includes adequate SEND funding. Responses have been written and sent to consultations and include meetings with cabinet members and other MPs.

FACT Community Transport Board

Background

The purpose of FACT Community Transport is to provide accessible, affordable and safe transport and support services to people who have difficulties using conventional modes of transport or are socially isolated, and work with local authorities, and other charitable, voluntary and not-for-profit organisations for the benefit of the individuals and groups in community, across the Fenland, Huntingdonshire and East Cambridgeshire areas.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 4
Approved by: Highways and Transport Committee
Guidance Classification: Member of a Management Board of a "Registered Society" under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Society Act 2014

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor C Boden (Con)

Report by Representative

Councillor Boden

FACT is a charity which continues to provide accessible, affordable and safe transport-based and transport-related support to those without easy access to conventional modes of transport in Fenland, Huntingdonshire and, to a lesser extent, East Cambridgeshire. Its principal activities are its dial-a-ride service, its dial-a-car service and day trips. FACT also provides befriending clubs, runs an active, non-means tested community fridge (with a five star hygiene rating) and hosts a book swap shed. FACT actively supports not merely the transport needs but also the social needs of some of the more vulnerable and isolated members of our communities.

Great Fen Steering Committee

Background

Steering Group to oversee and guide the development of the Great Fen Project.

Information

No. of representatives:	1 (observer status)
Meetings per annum:	6
Approved by:	Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body Representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor A Costello (Con)

Report by Representative

Councillor Costello

The Great Fen Steering Committee has representatives from many organisations including amongst others, members of nature charities and district, city and county councillors. Meetings take place four times a year at various sites but equally using zoom for those who cannot personally attend. The exciting news for the staff is that in March 2023 the group were awarded a £8,000,000 grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the largest one to date. This is to be used to establish the new project, 'Peatland Progress' which has a new vision for the Fens to include novel methods of farming and tackling climate change. A piece of land has been purchased which will join Holme and Woodwalton Fens into one great wetland area that can be enjoyed by everyone, people and wildlife for the future.

Greater Cambridge Local Plan Inception and Joint Local Planning Advisory Group

Background

To facilitate a shared policy position on the development of the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: TBC
Approved by: Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification: Unincorporated Association Member

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor N Shailer (Lab)

No report submitted.

Greensand Country Landscape Partnership

Background

The Greensand Country Landscape Partnership has been formed by a range of partners in the area to work with landowners and local communities and help make Greensand Country a living and working landscape that is cherished by present and future generations.

No report submitted.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	To be agreed
Approved by:	Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body Representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor S Kindersley (LD)

Growing Fenland Project Delivery Stakeholder Groups

Background

A Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Funded Master Planning Group.

Stakeholder groups:

- Chatteris
- March
- Whittlesey
- Wisbech

Information

No. of representatives: 4
Meetings per annum: To be agreed
Approved by: Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body Representative

Representatives for 2022/23: Councillor C Boden (Con)
Councillor J French (Con)
Councillor A Hay (Con)
Councillor S Tierney (Con)

Reports by Representatives

Councillor Boden

The Whittlesey Growing Fenland Project Delivery Stakeholder Group has allocated all of its available CPCA Market Towns monies. The principal uses of this money have been to support the Strategic Outline Business Case report for the Whittlesey Southern Relief Road; small business growth grants; additional solar panels for the local leisure centre; improved outdoor sports facilities at the local leisure centre and the costs of civil parking enforcement. The projects continue to be delivered, so the Group remains in existence but is now only called to meet if any issue occurs in the delivery of any of the projects. Most of the monies available will have been spent by the end of 2023-24.

Councillor Hay

I was appointed as the CCC representative to the Chatteris Stakeholder Group for the Growing Fenland project. The million pounds of capital funding made available was allocated to the following four projects:

Purchase of the old Barclays Bank in Chatteris for conversion to re-house The Chatteris Museum together with Office space which will be leased out. By moving the Museum from its current site within The Town Council Office building this releases space to enlarge Council Office space and create additional meeting rooms for community use, it also enables the Council to extend the building to provide Flats which will be rented out, the income from the flats and office space will be offset the running & maintenance costs of both buildings. The original amount awarded by CPCA was £771,821 since then we have had agreement from the CPCA that £23,905 left from the Renaissance project can be used to offset increased costs in the Museum project. A further sum of over £200,00 has been promised from The CPCA, this will be confirmed once CTC has received the final quotation for the remaining works. The extra spend required is as a consequence of an increase in building material costs and having to spend on more expensive items requested by the Conservation officer. It had been hoped that the Museum would be in a position to move into

their new premises by the end of 2022 however due to slippage whilst negotiating with Conservation it is now expected that the move will take place mid to late May.

A further £100,000 towards the capital costs associated with decriminalising on-street parking regulation enforcement in the town. This is a joint venture with each of the four market towns in Fenland contributing £100,000. Work is still ongoing on this by FDC.

The Renaissance fund of £92,000 to be split between Business premises refurbishment grants of up to 60% of the cost (maximum grant £5,000) and refurbishment of Street furniture and lighting columns has now been completed.

And £36,179 for Chatteris skills development – involving the purchase of ICT hardware and software to support skills development, this was used to equip the new Chatteris Training Centre which is now open.

Hinchingbrooke Country Park Joint Group

Background

To monitor the operation of Hinchingbrooke Country Park.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 2
Approved by: Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body Representative
Representative for 2022/23: Councillor K Billington (Con)

No report submitted.

Huntingdon BID Board

Background

BID is the town management vehicle for Huntingdon. It is an arrangement where businesses in a defined area agree improvements they want to make, over and above what the public agencies have to do. The fund is ring fenced and used solely to deliver the agreed set of projects and activities voted on by the businesses within the BID area.

No report submitted.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 10
Approved by: Strategy and Resources Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body Representative
Representative for 2022/23: Councillor T Sanderson (Ind)

Huntingdon Freeman's Trust

Background

A charity assisting individuals and organisations falling within the Huntingdon Town Council area only.

Information

No. of representatives: 1 (4 year appointment)

Meetings per annum: 11

Approved by: Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee

Guidance Classification: Trustee of a Charity

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor T Sanderson (Ind)

No report submitted.

Hunts Forum of Voluntary Organisations

Background

Hunts Forum of Voluntary Organisations is an umbrella body for voluntary and community groups in Huntingdonshire. It is an independent, non-profit making group formed from a coalition of local voluntary organisations and run by an elected committee of voluntary sector representatives. It supports voluntary and community organisations with information, advice and training.

Information

No. of representatives:	2
Meetings per annum:	4
Approved by:	Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body Representative
Representatives for 2022/23:	Councillor G Wilson (LD) Councillor T Sanderson (Ind)

No report submitted.

King Edward Community Centre Association

Background

Leases and manages the King Edward Community Centre in Chatteris.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	TBC
Approved by:	Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee
Guidance Classification:	Trustee of a Charity
Representatives for 2022/23:	Councillor A Hay (Con)

Report by Representative

Councillor Hay

The Chatteris King Edward Centre is run by a Board of Trustees of which I am one. Also on the Board of Trustees are representatives from Fenland District Council and Chatteris Town Council. The Centre is a Community asset which is supported by an annual grant from the Town Council and is available for receptions, parties, conferences, and training events etc. Rooms are hired out for a wide range of organisations from Pre-school to U3A, The WI to a Community Church, and Short Mat Bowls to the Community Cinema. There truly is something for every age group and interest.

We recently held the first AGM since the Covid pandemic as the Charity Commission advised that we should not hold Face to face meetings and the Trustees concluded that holding a virtual AGM was impractical. We obviously suffered financially during the Covid period, whilst our income was severely hit, we still had to maintain the Centre and this had a real impact on our reserves. However prudent financial management by the Treasurer has meant that we are slowly recovering and rebuilding our reserves.

Once reopened the Centre was quickly busy again and continued to attract new users. The Trustees continue to meet in accordance with the Constitution and are up to date with reporting to the Charity Commission. We continue to Invest in the management and upkeep of the building. The Accounts up to 31st March 2022 showed Income amounting to £64,051.11 and Expenditure of £69,922.65 this resulted in a deficit of expenditure over Income of £5,171.54 which is a better position than the previous year. Although the accounts for 2022/2023 have not been finalised yet it is hoped that we will break even. As well as running the Centre, members of the Committee Publish a Quarterly Newsletter, "Chatteris Centre Point" this however was put on hold after the last publication in Dec 2019, we now have recruited a new editor and publication was re-started in December 2022

Little Paxton Quarry Liaison Group

Background

The aim of this group is to monitor progress of the development and provide a local forum to consider matters of local concern relating to the winning and working of minerals and restoration and after use.

Information

No. of representatives: 2
Meetings per annum: 2
Approved by: Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body Representative

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor K Billington (Con)
Councillor K Prentice (Con)

Report by Representative

Councillor Prentice

I have not attended any meetings here as I was not even on their list. I have a meeting late this month, as officers finally got me included after a couple of months of trying.

Local Safeguarding Children's Board

Background

LSCBs have been established by the government to ensure that organisations work together to safeguard children and promote their welfare. In Cambridgeshire this includes Social Care Services, Education, Health, the Police, Probation, Sports and Leisure Services, the Voluntary Sector, Youth Offending Team and Early Years Services.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: -
Approved by: Children and Young People Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body Representative

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor B Goodliffe (Lab)

Report by Representative

Councillor Goodliffe

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Partnership Board brings together a number of agencies across the County to ensure that there is a joined up approach to safeguarding Children and Young People. Safeguarding means protecting a child's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about working together to support children and young people to make decisions about the risks they face in their own lives, and protecting those who lack the capacity to make these decisions.

We all share responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, whether as a parent or family member; a friend or neighbour; a teacher or carer; or as a paid or volunteer worker. Our website is for children and young people, their families and carers and the practitioners and volunteers who work with them. It is increasingly important that members of the local community have an understanding of the work that is being carried out to help keep children and young people safe across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough as 'safeguarding is everyone's business'.

Working with partners across Cambridgeshire to ensure safeguarding is carried out in a joined up manner and learning from local and national issues. An excellent resource in terms of learning and managing difficult situations.

The Safeguarding Review Board also considers any Safeguarding reviews and manages the learning from these and ensures we work together with partners to safeguard the County's Children and Young People.

London Stansted Corridor Consortium Board

Background

A group of authorities and organisations in a corridor from London to Cambridge and Peterborough who are lobbying for improved infrastructure and connectivity.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	4
Approved by:	Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body Representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor E Meschini (Lab)

Report by Representative

Councillor Meschini

This Board is now, more commonly referred to as the UK Innovation Corridor, and has met several times during the course of the last year, the last meeting being held on 4th April 2023. Dates for meetings of the Board are currently scheduled through to October this year.

The Board continues to focus activity on issues associated with economic growth and skills in the corridor, as well as the necessary infrastructure to enable the corridor and the communities and businesses within it to benefit. Areas discussed by the Board during the last year have included housing delivery across the East of England, the Essex County sector growth strategy, Greater Cambridge Transport and business research relating to the economic importance of connecting Cambridge to the world and identifying the key international destinations and economic benefit to the East of England as whole.

In addition to the meetings of the Board, Council Officers, including the Chief Executive, have met directly with the UK Innovation Corridor Chair and Director during the last year, as well as some Council Officers presenting to the Board. Given the complementary role that the Board can play in supporting inclusive economic growth and influencing Government and policy makers within Whitehall, this continues to be a group that the County Council will engage with.

March Educational Foundation

Background

Provides assistance with the education of people under the age of 25 who are resident in March.

Information

No. of representatives: 1 (5 year appointment)
Meetings per annum: 3-4
Approved by: Children and Young People Committee
Guidance Classification: Trustee of a Charity

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor J Gowing (Con)

Report by Representative

Councillor Gowing

This year has continued to see generous Scholarship Awards to Neale-wade students. The awards are given to eligible students that apply, stating how it would assist their journey though University. The land with planning permission, bequeathed by the late Patsy and George Brewin has now been sold. Monies from this will be used to assist other students from Neale-wade with their higher Education.

Milton Landfill Liaison Group

Background

The aim of this group is to develop and maintain lines of communication between the site operator, the County Council & other regulatory bodies and the local community in order that matters of concern can be resolved in a timely and non-confrontational manner.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	1-2
Approved by:	Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor A Bradnam (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Bradnam

This formalises a Milton Parish Council Working Party set up in 2015 to monitor air quality. Members reported and monitored complaints of odour, wind direction, speed, date and time, which enabled us to seek operational improvement from the operator FCC Environment Ltd. EA (permitting) have held the operator to account. The landfill site is due to close in December 2026. The County Council has applied to a) separate the HWRC from landfill site boundary, such that the HWRC can be enlarged and improved beyond 2026 and b) re-profile the restoration plan to 2026. Meetings were six-monthly but have now dropped to annually, since we have had few odour issues.

Mitchell Hill Liaison Group

Background

The aim of this group is to develop and maintain lines of communication between the site operator, the County Council & other regulatory bodies and the local community in order that matters of concern can be resolved in a timely and non-confrontational manner.

Information

No. of representatives: 2
Meetings per annum: 2
Approved by: Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body representative

Representatives for 2022/23: Councillor A Bradnam (LD)
Councillor N Gough (LD)

Reports by Representatives

Councillor Bradnam

This group brings together representatives from the County Council Planning (Minerals and Waste) Team, the operator, neighbours, parish councils and the environment agency. As such, it is a useful forum in which concerns can be raised and actions and future plans understood.

Councillor Gough

This continues to be a very useful forum to address local issues. Unfortunately, I have been unable to attend any of the meetings this year due to other commitments.

Natural Cambridgeshire

Background

Natural Cambridgeshire consists of a broad range of local organisations, businesses and people whose aim is to bring about improvements in their local natural environment.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 4
Approved by: Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body Representative
Representative for 2022/23: Vacancy

No report submitted.

Nature for Everyone Advisory Group

Background

Anglia Ruskin University and Learning through Landscapes project. Its aim is to increase outdoor learning at school and home for children with complex and severe learning difficulties in order to support their social and emotional development, mental health and wellbeing.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: TBC
Approved by: Children and Young People Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body Representative
Representative for 2022/23: Councillor A Bulat (Lab)

Report by Representative

Councillor Bulat

This one has never started as they did not receive the funding.

Needham's Foundation, Ely

Background

Needham's Foundation is a Charitable Trust, the purpose of which is to provide financial assistance for the provision of items, services and facilities for the community or voluntary aided schools in the area of Ely and to promote the education of persons under the age of 25 who are in need of financial assistance and who are resident in the area of Ely and/or are attending or have at any time attended a community or voluntary aided school in Ely.

Information

No. of representatives:	2
Meetings per annum:	2
Approved by:	Children and Young People Committee
Guidance Classification:	Trustee of a Charity
Representatives for 2022/23:	Councillor P Coutts (LD) Councillor A Whelan (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Coutts

This is a local charity which provides grants to schools and young people who live, have lived or go to school in Ely. As well as the normal grant-giving activity, in the last year the charity has been undertaking a full review of its structure and governance, with a view to incorporation. It is also in discussion with another local charity which has similar objectives with a view to a possible merger.

Councillor Whelan

This is a local charity run by Trustees which provides grants to schools and young people who live, have lived or go to school in Ely. In the year ended 31 December 2021, grants were distributed of £46k

This is a fantastic charity providing additional help to enable our young people to continue their education.

At the time of writing a merger between the Needhams Foundation and the Ely Trinity Dole Charity is being considered. It is envisaged that a combined charity to be named the Needhams Trinity Charity will be set up and that it will by virtue of its size, be better able to serve the community.

Needingworth Quarry Liaison Group

Background

The aim of this group is to develop and maintain lines of communication between the site operator, the County Council, other regulatory bodies and the local community in order that matters of concern can be resolved in a timely and non-confrontational manner.

Information

No. of representatives: 4
Meetings per annum: 2
Approved by: Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body Representative

Representatives for 2022/23:
Councillor S Criswell (Con)
Councillor N Gough (LD)
Councillor K Reynolds (Con)
Councillor F Thompson (LD)

Reports by Representatives

Councillor Gough

This continues to be a very useful forum to address local issues. Unfortunately, I have been unable to attend any of the meetings this year due to other commitments.

Councillor Criswell

Needingworth Quarry meetings provide a valuable update on activity. They have met once, quite recently and I wasn't invited. I suspect an oversight, but will investigate.

Councillor Thompson

For some reason I have been dropped off the mailing list for this outside body. The minutes for Sept 2022 report that there has been a downturn in sales mostly due to a lack of market confidence, following on from the uncertainty of the troubles in Ukraine, the increase in energy cost and the overall increase in the cost of living. It was reported at the meeting that there have been no complaints made to the council regarding the quarry activity. RSPB report that the new circular 'Quarry Life' walk for visitors was opened around Cuckoo Fen over winter, promoted as part of the sustainable access project, aiming to extend access to horses to achieve the planned bridleway status for this route.

Northstowe Delivery Group

Background

To deliver the community buildings in Northstowe, and ensure better communication of progress of the Civic Hub (which will contain the new library) and Community Buildings.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 12
Approved by: Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body Representative

Representatives for 2022/23: Councillor F Thompson (LD)

Reports by Representatives

Councillor Thompson

Northstowe Delivery Group was established in September 2022 to deliver on South Cambridgeshire District Council's (SCDC) commitment to Northstowe, to build several Community and Sporting facilities. The role of the Group is to oversee and assist in the delivery of this programme of activity, supporting and working closely with the Senior Responsible Officer at SCDC. This summer we should see the opening of both the Interim Community Centre and the Sports Pavilion in Northstowe, with the aim to consult on the Permanent Community Centre later this year. The Group also oversee the ongoing development of the Communication Plan and Quarterly Northstowe Forums.

North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors

Background

The North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust was formed on 1 April 2017. The trust runs three busy hospitals – Peterborough City Hospital, Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and Stamford & Rutland Hospital. Governors are the 'voice' of members of partner organisations in the running of the hospitals, so that hospital services always reflect the needs and expectations of local people.

No report submitted.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	To be agreed
Approved by:	Adults and Health Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Bodies (Partner Governor)
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor T Sanderson (Ind)

Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROL) & Bus Lane Adjudication Joint Committee (BLASJC)

Background

PATROL represents over 300 local authorities in England (outside London) and Wales

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: As required
Approved by: Highways and Transport Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body Representative

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor N Shailer (Lab)

No report submitted.

Pathfinder Legal Services Limited

Background

Company jointly owned by West Northamptonshire Council, North Northamptonshire Council, Central Bedfordshire Council and Cambridgeshire County Council to provide legal services to the owner councils and to other organisations within the public sector and not for profit sector.

Information

No. of representatives:	1 (Consultee member)
Meetings per annum:	4
Approved by:	Strategy and Resources Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body Representative (Council's representative on a company it part owns)

Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor E Murphy (LD)
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Report by Representative

Councillor Murphy

Pathfinder Legal Services Limited provides its shareholders and other customers with legal advice covering childcare, adult social care and education, planning, property, commercial and procurement, litigation and governance matters.

The County Council engages with Pathfinder on a “teckal” basis also known as the “in-house exemption” from competitive public procurement, and the Council relies on the firm for its legal advice needs in the first instance, working closely in partnership. Pricing is designed to recover costs for the company and provide a cost-effective service to the owners, with a modest profit margin on shareholder work and higher fee rates for external customers.

The firm remains profitable for a further successive year, with a confirmed post-tax profit of £304k for the year-ending 31 March 2022 and a similar profit forecast for the latest financial year. The balance sheet continues to strengthen compared to the pre-2020 position.

A key challenge during 2022-23 has been the indication from West and North Northamptonshire Councils that they intend to change their relationship with and purchasing from the firm. These Councils emerged from local government re-organisation with a mixture of in-house lawyers from previous District Councils with Pathfinder responsible for former upper tier legal advice. The company is awaiting a fully detailed proposal from Northants on the new model and is eager to move forward with ongoing shareholders and clients.

The principal operational challenge for the firm has been the national shortage of local government lawyers, leading to difficulties with the recruitment and retention. The company has further invested in its apprenticeship schemes and continuous professional development in response and made 48 new permanent appointments across the firm during the year.

The company was reaccredited for Lexcel, the excellence in legal practice management and client care standard in November 2022 and commended in the detailed assessment.

Upcoming initiatives for 2023 include a staffing pay and benefits review (in view of retention challenges) and implementation of a new case management system.

Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Community Covenant (Military) Board

Background

The Armed Forces Covenant Board aims to improve the outcomes and life choices of military personnel, reservists, their families and veterans living in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The Covenant Board also aims to enhance the relationship between civilian and military communities.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	4
Approved by:	Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body Representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor S Kindersley (LD)

No report submitted.

Ramsey Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Advisory Group

Background

To provide a community benefit fund of £40,000 for community projects within the Parish boundaries of Ramsey, Bury, Upwood and the Raveleys.

Information

No. of representatives:	2
Meetings per annum:	1
Approved by:	Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body Representative
Representatives for 2022/23:	Councillor S Corney (Con) Councillor A Costello (Con)

Report by Representative

Councillor Costello

Ramsey Windfarm Community Benefit Advisory Group consists of members from parish, district and county councillors who meet once a year to consider applications by local organisations from Ramsey, Upwood and Bury for grants from a £40,000 pot, which is overseen by Grantscape Ltd. There is some concern that even after many years, this opportunity is not well known in the area and consideration has been given to future advertising to attract more groups.

RECAP Board

Background

RECAP (Recycling in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough) is a partnership of authorities across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough working together to provide excellent waste and recycling services to meet local needs. The RECAP Board is the Member level group of this partnership.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	4
Approved by:	Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body Representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor R Hathorn (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Hathorn

The County Council's representation on RECAP is very important particularly at the moment as DEFRA implement the much heralded qualifying changes in law (QCiLs) which in cases can result in serious additional costs for some or all of the authorities within the DEFRA partnership. In addition to providing a mechanism for reaching some agreement and collaboration in regards to these QCiLs the county wide waste strategy will be at its most effective and strategic if it can be developed across all partners. It will also be far easier to reduce the carbon footprint of waste across the county working collaboratively rather than separately with the other authorities with different responsibilities.

Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors

Background

NHS Foundation Trusts are not-for-profit, public benefit corporations. They are part of the NHS and provide over half of all NHS hospital and mental health services. The County Council is represented on the Council as a nominated Governor.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 4
Approved by: Adults and Health Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Bodies

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor P Slatter (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Slatter

As an Appointed Governor of the Royal Papworth Hospital Trust, I have been involved with fellow governors in formal assessment visits to the wards, attendance at meetings, and more informal discussions on WhatsApp. Governors have raised concerns about working conditions, and issues affecting recruitment and retention.

As elsewhere, it has been a difficult year for our Trust, which began with some progress addressing challenges for staff and patients dealing with the aftermath of the pandemic, and later on as RPH coped with the effects of industrial action.

As a county councillor I have been able to contribute to discussions in Board meetings regarding the development of our local Integrated Care Service using insights into the work of the local authorities. Similarly I have been able to apply insights into the work of the RPH at a variety of service committees.

Shepreth School Trust

Background

Provides financial assistance towards educational projects within the village community, both to individuals and organisations.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 4
Approved by: Children and Young People Committee
Guidance Classification: Trustee of a Charity
Representative for 2022/23: Councillor P McDonald (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor McDonald

meet 1x year. Several educational grants made to local students. In total I think 10 during the year.

Soham and District Sports Association Management Committee

Background

Charity providing sport for the local community.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	4
Approved by:	Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee
Guidance Classification:	Unincorporated Association Member
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor M Goldsack (Con)

Report by Representative

Councillor Goldsack

The SDSA first has secured funding support from district council for the urgent roof issues faced. This was the real priority for the centre. More than that I can not add due to zero correspondence from the centre manager whom I have asked for meeting updates and agenda progress.

St Neots Master Plan Steering Group

Background

The masterplan project has been developed by the Board of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to ensure that the market towns in Cambridgeshire are all interconnected in an overall plan that supports the region's future prosperity.

Governance arrangements have been established to achieve collective community ownership of the St Neots Masterplan for Growth, responsibility for delivery of masterplan initiatives, and as a vehicle to oversee future iterations of the masterplan itself. This is made up of representatives from public, private and third sectors.

No report submitted.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: -
Approved by: Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body Representative

Representative for 2022/23: Councillor S Ferguson (Ind)

St Neots Museum Management Committee

Background

Provides advice and management support to St Neots Museum for the benefit of the local community.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	2
Approved by:	Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body Representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor S Taylor (Ind)

Report by representative

Councillor Taylor

I have attended one meeting so far and said hello and goodbye to the Museums Director as after 11 years of being the Curator she is retiring, great thanks goes to Liz for all the passion and hard work she has put in. I look forward to meeting with the new Director. In the pipe line will be a new museum office and a redesigned Old Court Room which will become a events & activity space. If you ever want to escape then pop down to St.Neots Museum and try the Jailbreak Escape Room- Season Five. Its great to see St.Neots Museum team up with The Rotary Club of St.Neots to run a Biodiversity project and asked for as many residents to get involved too. Although this is my first meeting with the Museum it was packed full of information. It is a very worthwhile outside body to be a member of. I look forward to the next meeting.

This Land Board of Directors

Background

This Land is a development business established with the aim of offering a new approach to development, that is much more customer and community focused than the traditional UK house builder model.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	12
Approved by:	Commercial & Investment Committee
Guidance Classification:	Company Director (the Councillor is one of two Non-Executive Directors on this Board (the other being an officer) as shareholder representative)

Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor N Gough (LD)
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Report by Representative

Councillor Gough

The Board of This Land met on a regular basis. The business continues to evolve within a dynamic Cambridgeshire housing market with the delivery of homes and occupations at the Ditton Walk site and at Over. A number of other key sites are progressing in terms of planning applications, construction commencement (Landbeach) or land sales to other developers. Communication with Members has been a priority with regular briefing meetings and the commencement of bi-monthly summaries of activities. There have been a number of changes to the Board during the year with a new Chair, David Meek, being appointed along two new Non-Executive Directors (Wendy Colgrave and Julia Gregory). Steve Cox also stepped down at the last Board meeting to be replaced by Frank Jordan, the County Council's Executive Director of Place and Sustainability.

Trigg's Charity (Melbourn)

Background

Trigg's Charity provides financial assistance to local schools / persons for their educational benefit.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 2
Approved by: Children and Young People Committee
Guidance Classification: Unincorporated Association Member
Representative for 2022/23: Councillor S van de Ven (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor van de Ven

Thanks to those running this important local charity providing much needed support for local schools, making a direct reach to children in the Melbourn area. Participation provides a valuable insight into school needs and aspirations and in particular new challenges around cost of living.

Warboys Landfill Site Liaison Group

Background

The aim of this group is to develop and maintain lines of communication between the site operator, the County Council, other regulatory bodies and the local community in order that matters of concern can be resolved in a timely and non-confrontational manner.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	1-2
Approved by:	Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body Representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor S Corney (Con)

Report by Representative

Councillor Corney

The one and only meeting of the year of this group was held on 28th Sept at Warboys village hall. I chaired a very well attend meeting which I have to say is a very good example of how a liaison group should work. I have come into this position late on in the lifetime of the group as they are finalising the remedial works of the site currently and many of the issues raised are now concerning the waste transfer site and not the landfill. At the same time there were some robust questions asked on how the remedial works were going and whether the recent extension of time would be sufficient to complete the works. All questions were well met and answered thoroughly with further dialog offered should it be needed. Site visits were also offered to group members to see progress. Thermal Treatment Facility

A further planning application was discussed regarding a new thermal treatment facility to use waste from the transfer site and from external sources to generate electricity. Should this application be successful I would expect either this group to continue or a new group be introduced. Whilst I'm sure there will have been heated moments initially, I hope that whichever happens, the group continue to act in the manner I have seen which I am sure has been beneficial for the community.

Warboys Site Liaison Committee

Background

A heat and power plant comprising biomass energy from waste facility and treatment of waste water by evaporation. The Committee will provide a forum for local representatives to discuss site matters and be informed of site progress, and will provide a means whereby information and concerns/complaints about the site can be aired with appropriate solutions discussed.

Information

No. of representatives: 1
Meetings per annum: 4 then 1
Approved by: Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification: Other Public Body Representative
Representative for 2022/23: Councillor S Corney (Con)

No report submitted.

Waterbeach Waste Management Park Liaison Group

Background

The aim of this group is to develop and maintain lines of communication between the site operator, the County Council & other regulatory bodies and the local community in order that matters of concern can be resolved in a timely and non-confrontational manner.

Information

No. of representatives:	1
Meetings per annum:	2-3
Approved by:	Environment & Green Investment Committee
Guidance Classification:	Other Public Body Representative
Representative for 2022/23:	Councillor A Bradnam (LD)

Report by Representative

Councillor Bradnam

The Group meets twice a year. It is important to have County Council representation as we are the disposal authority and the site has the potential to affect the health and welfare of local residents and traffic on the A10. Compliance with BATc legislation to reduce odour emissions will include enclosure of the IVC operation and has required diversion of waste to other operators, while the work is being done. Planning permission has been given for a solar farm, to power the District Council's proposed fleet of electric bin lorries. It is expected to take 6-8 months to construct.