

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 3rd October 2023

Correspondence

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The below schedule is a summary of correspondence circulated by the Town Clerk to Councillors since the last meeting by email.

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Annette Reader Executive Assistant Cambridgeshire County Council	Email regarding Weed Spraying Policy - Letter from Frank Jordan
Flood Risk Team, Cambridgeshire County Council	Email regarding Flood Action Conference 2023 Agenda - Thursday 21st September
Anthony Browne MP	Anthony's Update
Relas	Luton Approach Airspace Change-Evidence collated by Relas for CAA before the deadline of 22 September 2023
Anthony Browne MP	Anthony's Update
Stansted Airport Watch	Noise Action Plan Consultation deadline extended for a second time
Greater Cambridge Partnership	Papers published for Executive Board meeting on 28 September 2023
Anthony Browne MP	Have you seen more weeds around recently? Survey
Cambridge Carbon Footprint	Invitation to Net Zero Now
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Anthony Browne MP	Anthony's Update- Updated

13.1 Booking of Cambourne Soul

Hi there,

I was wondering if the soul is free on Sunday the 24th of Sep from 5-7pm, as I would like to book it for a spiritual and mental well-being youth group called Pandava Sena targeting the youth of Cambourne. This will be beneficial for the whole community and it'll be **free** to anyone who would like to participate. We will also be providing free food during the event. This is a part of my volunteering project as a student at Hills Road Sixth Form in Cambridge. If the session gains some traction I would try to do that regularly. Just to be clear I have no intention in making any profit from these sessions but want to play my role in the community. And for that reason I would ask for Council's support for this good cause by making the hall free of charge.

Many thanks,
Piya

13.2 Greater Cambridge Partnership

Update on Making Connections

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Executive Board yesterday (Thursday 28 September) decided to stop the further development of the Sustainable Travel Zone (STZ) proposals as part of the Making Connections scheme.

The members discussed the results of last year's consultation, the evidence gathered through the 24,000 responses, the amended proposals from officers and the feedback from the GCP Joint Assembly.

They collectively decided that while the aims of Making Connections to make travelling in and around Cambridge simpler and faster by saving time and money, would have eased congestion, and offered better, fairer, and greener travel choices, the STZ is not able to progress to Full Business Case due to a lack of political consensus.

Officers will now focus on other areas of the City Access programme looking at issues such as resident parking, road hierarchy and freight consolidation. This is in addition to the other infrastructure projects which include: 150km of Greenways, innovative busway schemes from Waterbeach to Cambridge and Cambourne to Cambridge as well as the significant improvements to Milton Road and Newmarket Road.

The debate can be watched again by visiting the [GCP YouTube channel](#).

13.3 South Cambs District Council

Introduction to the September 2023 parish e-bulletin

Welcome to South Cambridgeshire District Council's September 2023 parish e-bulletin. Our e-bulletin contains important notices we would like to draw your attention to, from across the Council. We hope it is useful.

We always appreciate feedback so please let us know what you think of this e-bulletin, or suggest ideas for future topics, by emailing communications@scambs.gov.uk

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Update from the Elections Team

Elections in 2024

An election for the Police and Crime Commissioner will take place in South Cambs on Thursday 2 May 2024. It is now a requirement to show photo ID when voting in a polling station. To find out more about acceptable forms of ID and how to apply for a voter authority certificate if you don't have ID, [visit the Electoral Commission website](#).

A general election must also take place before January 2025, although there is no date set for this yet. If you have any questions, please contact elections@scambs.gov.uk

Updates from Greater Cambridge Shared Waste

Bin collection changes

[Bin days have changed for many residents](#). You can add bin collection dates to online calendars on Android or Apple devices. If residents have previously used South Cambridgeshire District Council's website to add bin collection dates to their phone's calendar, they just need to delete the old dates from that calendar and re-add their new dates. [Find out how to do this and check your bin collection days](#).

Updates from the Communications and Communities Team

Attachment 1: Letter regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

Please see the first PDF attachment titled 'Attachment 1 - RAAC letter from Regulator of Social Housing'. Although the letter is aimed at councils with housing stock (like us) and social housing providers, the general message is the same when it comes to community buildings. With that in mind, we recommend that parish councils check any community facilities that they own for RAAC. Guidance on investigating and assessing RAAC is available from the [Institute of Structural Engineers](#).

Exercise4Fun active lifestyle programme

Our Exercise4Fun initiative has recently launched a 12-week free active lifestyle programme, taking place at Sawston, Melbourn and Linton leisure centres, and soon to be announced at Cambourne Leisure Centre. The programme has three formats:

- Adult (age 18 and over) programmes at all leisure centres.
- One adult (age 18 and over) disability programme at Sawston only.

- One family programme for children aged 11 to 16 and accompanying parent or guardian, at Sawston only.

The Linton adult programme, and both the family programme and the adult disability programme at Sawston, are still open for registrations and would especially like to fill up these spaces. Information and how to sign-up can be [found on our website](#). Contact our Physical Activity Locality Coordinator Ben Truett on Ben.Truett@scambs.gov.uk if you have any questions.

Assets of Community Value (ACV)

The Community Right to Bid allows communities and parish councils to nominate buildings or land for listing by the local authority as an asset of community value. This could be community centres, green spaces, libraries, pubs and more. An approved nomination gives the local community a six-month window of opportunity to bid to purchase the asset should it come up for sale.

This [YouTube clip](#) provides information on how to nominate a building or land as an Asset of Community Value. If you have any further questions, please refer to our [ACV webpage](#) or email partnerships@scambs.gov.uk

Our Grants

If you are looking to apply for grant funding, it's worth looking on our [Grants webpage](#) to see if you are eligible to apply for any of our grants. The Community Chest is one such grant to consider and provides up to £2,000 in funding throughout the year for both parish councils and community groups. Please check eligibility criteria before applying and forward this information on to any community groups who you think may be interested.

Mobile Food Hub

The Mobile Food Hub that launched this summer is now visiting six locations. The Mobile Food Hub is run by Hope CIC, in partnership with us, and aims to tackle both food poverty and climate change by redistributing food that would otherwise be going to waste. Anyone can access this Food Hub; all you need to do is turn up on the day – no referral is needed. Please see below for all current locations and keep an eye on [our website](#) for when more are announced.

Duxford Mobile Food Hub

Duxford Community Centre

Hunts Road, Duxford, CB22 4RE

Open Thursdays, 11am to 12pm

Fulbourn Mobile Food Hub

Fulbourn Health Centre Car Park

Haggis Gap, CB21 5HD

Open Tuesdays, 10:30am to 11:30am

Linton Mobile Food Hub

Linton Village Hall

Coles Lane, CB21 4JS

Open Tuesdays, 1pm to 2pm

Orchard Park Mobile Food Hub

Unwin Square, Cambridge, CB4 2AD

Open Wednesdays, 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Papworth Mobile Food Hub

Papworth Car Park (behind the Co-op), CB23 3UY

Open Mondays, 1pm to 2pm

Shepreth Mobile Food Hub

Shepreth Village Hall Car Park, 2 Station Road, SG8 6PZ

Open Thursdays, 1pm to 2pm

Community forums autumn 2023 dates

Please see the dates for our upcoming autumn 2023 forums below. Once the details for each forum have been confirmed, they will be updated on [our website](#), as well as creating [Facebook events](#) and social media posts for each forum that can be shared with your community.

- Wednesday 4 October - Northstowe
- Wednesday 11 October - Cambridge East
- Wednesday 18 October - Bourn Airfield and Cambourne Community Forum
- Wednesday 1 November - Waterbeach
- Thursday 2 November - North West and West Cambridge
- Wednesday 15 November- North East Cambridge

Please note, these dates are subject to change based on local conditions. Always check individual forum webpages for confirmation of dates, agendas, and format. For more information, please see our [forums webpage](#). You can register for updates by visiting a forum's webpage and completing the registration form. If you would like to get in touch with any feedback or suggestions, please duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk

South Cambs Magazine

The winter 2023 edition of South Cambs Magazine will be delivered to all households in the district between 20 November and 2 December. If any residents have not received a copy by 2 December, they can email Smart Distribution on scdc@smartdistribution.co.uk or call them on 0800 6444 011 to report this. You can also read the current edition [on our website](#).

Take Charge and Be Safe – A community safety message from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue

Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service are running a new media campaign "[Take Charge & Be Safe](#)". The campaign is to educate about charging e-bikes and e-scooters safely. Their [Facebook](#) and [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) accounts have recent posts that can be shared on your own social media. For further information, there is also the [National Fire Chiefs Council Safety Guidance document](#). The main points are:

- Only charge during waking hours (not when you are asleep).
- Do not charge in exit routes.
- Only use batteries and chargers from reputable dealers.
- Make sure the charger is the correct power rating for the battery – preferably buy from dealer or manufacturer.
- Do not overcharge your battery.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working.

Over the coming weeks more information, including key advice for residents [to Take Charge and Be Safe](#) will be released on the fire service's social media channels.

Lithium-Ion batteries can be found in many electronic devices that are used every day. This includes things like mobile phones, laptops, and tablets, vape cigarettes and games console controllers, as well as e-scooters and e-bikes.

Reporting to police – building a picture of your area

Thank you for your help in spreading the message about the importance of reporting relevant issues to Police. From the police engagement event in August, it is clear that we need to continue to have this message in mind when we are in conversation with residents. Residents continue to express frustration that they can't see a response from Police when they have made a report. It remains the case that there are many reasons why a response may not be visible, or fed back to the resident who made a report. It is nonetheless important that reports continue to be made to police both so they can build a picture of trends in different areas, and for safeguarding of vulnerable people. More information can be found [here](#), and you can again share [this social media post](#) to further raise awareness of this need to report.

Policing in South Cambs – have your say

The next police engagement event is Tuesday 7 November 7pm to 8pm, and you can [obtain your free ticket](#).

Each quarter you can complete an online [Community Policing Survey](#) so police can build up a picture of what is happening in your area and what is concerning you most. The engagement event will involve a report from the officers policing your area about recent activity and the results of the survey. Police promise to listen to your concerns and allow you to shape future activity. More details of both the engagement event, and survey, [can be found here](#). We continue to appreciate your help advertising these opportunities to residents.

Police focus on Rural Crime

Monday 18 September was the beginning of Rural Crime Action Week. Please see the [Policing South Cambs Facebook posts](#) from 18 to 24 September for more information on activities during this week. Extra information is contained within posts [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#), and also in [this video](#). If anyone would like hard copies of leaflets or signposting to further information please email communitysafety@scambs.gov.uk

Attachment 2: Message from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority about Defibrillators

Please see the second PDF attachment titled 'Attachment 2 - Mayor Dr Nik Johnson letter on Defibrillators' for a letter from the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This is a request to [register local defibrillators on The Circuit](#) national database so that they can be located by emergency services quickly when needed.

Attachment 3 - Update on four-day week trial

Please see the third attachment titled 'Attachment 3 - 4 day week trial infographic' for a snapshot of some factual information relating to our four-day week trial. We thought it would be helpful for parishes to have this little infographic. You can also [read our latest news release](#) about this topic or [ask us a question](#).

Updates from Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

Statement of Community Involvement

Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire residents will shortly be encouraged to have their say on an important document that outlines how they are involved in the planning process. Greater

Cambridge Shared Planning will be consulting on a new 'Statement of Community Involvement' from 18 October to 29 November 2023.

The Statement of Community Involvement sets out how the councils will involve communities on a wide range of planning matters throughout the planning process. Planning affects the lives of everyone who lives, works, and visits Greater Cambridge. Councillors therefore say it is essential that people have an opportunity to engage in the decisions the councils make on new housing, workplaces, open spaces, and the measures being taken locally to tackle climate and biodiversity issues.

The Statement of Community Involvement will cover areas such as planning for the future of Greater Cambridge, neighbourhood planning, planning new development and dealing with development that is not authorised. Besides inviting online comments, GCSP is attending two events where members of the public are welcome find out more and to give their views.

These are at:

- Northstowe Market: 9.30am to 12.30pm on Sunday 22 October 2023 at Northstowe Hub, The Community Centre, 1 The Green, Pathfinder Way, Northstowe CB24 1FD
- Café Drop in: The Meadows Community Centre, Arbury, Cambridge: 11am to 2pm on Friday 27 October at The Meadows Community Centre, 299 Arbury Rd, Cambridge CB4 2JL

You can find out more information about the Statement of Community Involvement on [the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website](#) which, when the consultation opens on 18 October, will also be where residents can add their comments.

New social media accounts launched for Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

The GCSP Communications team has now established dedicated social media accounts for the planning service. The latest addition to our online presence: the launch of our official Facebook page.

The accounts will serve a wide variety of purposes including promotion of:

- recruitment
- application guidance
- customer feedback
- Local Plan information
- consultations
- youth engagement
- and more

Please follow us from your parish council page:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [X \(Twitter\)](#)

Local Heritage Assets

There is still time to register a local building or structure to be added to a list of Local Heritage Assets that is being compiled for Cambridgeshire.

This county-wide project has seen 527 nominations so far in the South Cambridgeshire district for buildings or structures to be added on a local list of valued heritage assets. The majority of nominations are of buildings such as houses and chapels, but also include a cemetery (Melbourn), a village sign (Six Mile Bottom), a water pump (Waterbeach), and a bridge / railings (Little Shelford).

Jessica Johnston, former Local Heritage List Project Officer, has moved on following the end of the sponsored year of the project but [the website remains open](#) and it is still possible to add nominations with supporting information.

The next steps are to inform owners of the proposed additions to a Local List; and for the District Council to take into account owner's responses in subsequently confirming the List. For further information please contact Sarah Cheng at Greater Cambridge Shared Planning via Historicenvironment@greatercambridgeplanning.org

Attachment 4 - Cultural Infrastructure Strategy – Let us have your views and experiences

On behalf of Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, Genecon are currently developing a Cultural Infrastructure Strategy for the whole of Greater Cambridge. The strategy will map where cultural activity happens in South Cambridgeshire at the moment, and consider where there are opportunities, where there are gaps, and where investment could be targeted in the future to make sure it has the most impact for local people, businesses and communities.

'Cultural infrastructure' means the buildings, structures and places where people produce or experience culture.

'Culture' has a wide-ranging definition. For the purposes of this strategy, it is focused on the creative, community, literary, artistic and social events and activity that bring people together and shape the way they think, feel and experience a place.

If you own or operate a place or a space where cultural activity takes place, or if you own or manage land or buildings where cultural activity could take place in the future, we want to hear from you. This includes theatres, music venues (including pubs), community centres and hubs, village halls, outdoor events spaces, cinemas, historic buildings and sites, creative workspaces, art schools (visual and performing arts), libraries, museums, galleries, shopping centres, community cafes, school halls, rehearsal spaces recording studios - anywhere where people gather to experience culture.

Please note this strategy focuses on **cultural infrastructure** (the physical places and spaces where cultural activity takes place) and is not the same thing as a cultural strategy – this is a separate piece of work.

More information is provided in the PDF attached to the parish e-bulletin, titled 'Attachment 4 - Cultural Infrastructure Strategy Summary Sheet'. To learn more about the Cultural Infrastructure Strategy, and be part of shaping the cultural infrastructure priorities for South Cambridgeshire in the future, please email Lauren Gee on laureengee@genecon.co.uk or the Planning team via localplan@greatercambridgeplanning.org

Updates from the Business Support/Economic Development Team

Seasonal events

Have you seen [Visit South Cambs](#), our website dedicated to helping people find local attractions to explore, places to eat and meet up, walks through the countryside, and more? If you are aware of upcoming events taking place in your Parish such as Half Term activities, firework displays, Christmas

fairs and markets, or indeed any events, please do let us know or forward on our contact details to the relevant organisers Visit@scambs.gov.uk

Alternatively, details can be uploaded completely free of charge, directly via [this online form](#).

South Cambridgeshire Markets

Our [South Cambridgeshire Markets](#) programme continues to grow and support parishes across the district, assisting markets and events by lending hands-on support, but also successfully creating exciting new opportunities in our villages and promoting new market growth.

Markets across the district are listed on our [directory](#), but parishes should also be aware of the abundance of skilled businesspeople in the region through our [stallholder directory](#). These imaginative businesses feature across many of the district's markets and are terrific examples of entrepreneurial excellence. The stallholder directory is free to [sign-up](#), and we kindly ask parishes share this widely to help small businesses become more widely involved with markets and also to promote their brands.

For more information, please contact businesskeyprojects@scambs.gov.uk



Apprenticeship webinar

We are hosting a free webinar on **5 October**, from 10am to 11am, to help South Cambridgeshire employers understand the facts behind how apprenticeships work. Howard Cordingley, Skills and Business Relationship Manager for [Growth Works](#), and Richard Stittle, Head of Apprenticeships at [North Cambridge Training Centre](#), will explain how apprenticeships can benefit your business, improve recruitment and retention, what the apprenticeship levy is and how it works, and identify apprenticeship opportunities.

[Register now](#) for a free place. Please pass this on to any local businesses you feel may find this useful.

Business support newsletter

Our monthly Business Support Newsletter is a useful round up of local networking events, grants and other sources of funding, regional and national campaigns and guidance for businesses and advice on reducing carbon, increasing inclusivity in the workplace and supporting employees' physical and mental health. Please encourage your local businesses to [sign up to this free resource](#)



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7 September 2023

Dear Chief Executive, Housing Director or Lead member

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

As you will be aware, the failure of RAAC components has been identified as a risk in some public buildings constructed between the 1950s and 1980s. Our current understanding, based on engagement with sector advisers and stakeholders, is that RAAC is not widespread in social housing. However, it may be present in a small number of buildings dating from this period, particularly in flat roof and panel structures.

Ensuring the safety of tenants and residents should be the highest priority for every landlord. We expect landlords to ensure that they have a good understanding of their homes, including building safety issues and whether homes contain RAAC components and the risk to tenant safety arising from these; that you develop proportionate mitigation and remediation plans where required; and seek suitably qualified advice where necessary. You should also ensure you communicate appropriately with tenants where this is an issue. Guidance on investigating and assessing RAAC is available from the [Institute of Structural Engineers](#).

You should inform us if you identify issues which suggest material non-compliance with any of the Regulatory Standards by contacting your regulatory contact or enquiries@rsh.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

Fiona MacGregor
Chief Executive

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Thursday 3 August 2023

Dear Colleague,

I am writing to you as Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough and as an NHS doctor to bring to your attention a very important request from the Department of Health and Social Care.

Will Quince MP, the Minister for Health and Secondary Care, is asking every local authority and council to help promote the message that anyone with a publicly accessible external defibrillator, or 'AED', should log it on The Circuit - the national database - so ambulance crews and first responders know it exists, where to find it, and can use it to give life-saving treatment in emergencies.

Registering defibrillators on The Circuit can make a life-or-death difference to the speed at which treatment for cardiac arrest can be given. But many AEDs are not registered, meaning ambulance services cannot find them when they are needed most. That's why it's urgent that as many organisations and venues as possible register their defibrillator today.

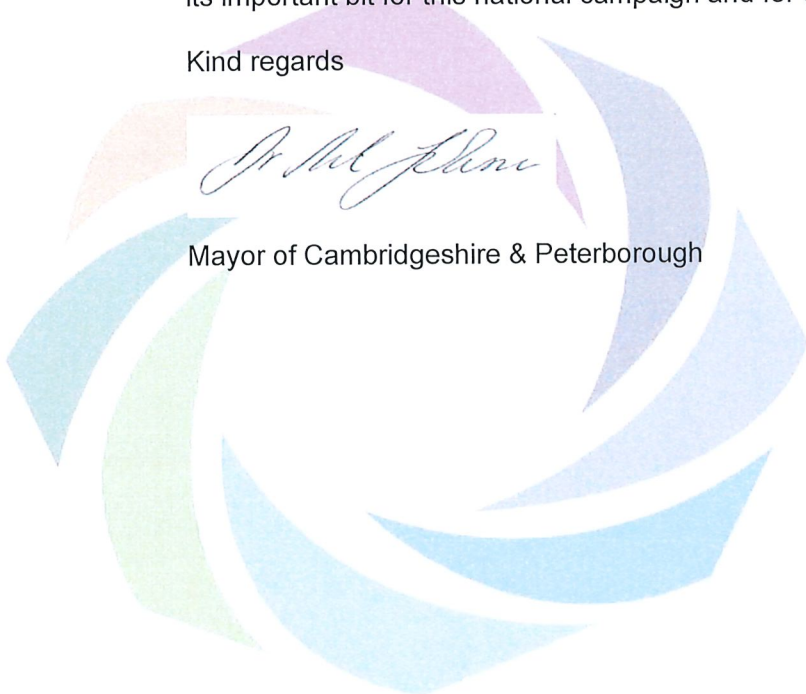
Registration is simple and quick. To register your AED please go to <https://www.thecircuit.uk/>.

Please spread this important message to the parish and town councils, organisations, and businesses with whom you have contact and help Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to do its important bit for this national campaign and for everyone living in our area.

Kind regards



Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough



The Minister says:

"The treatment and prevention of cardiovascular disease is a priority for the Government. We want people to have the best chance of survival from cardiac arrest, and public access to defibrillators is critical to achieving this.

Defibrillators can provide vital life-saving treatment, with latest research showing that accessing these devices within 3-5 minutes of a cardiac arrest increases the chance of survival by over 40%. Unfortunately, many defibrillators are never used because emergency services do not know where they are or how to access them.

That is why registering defibrillators on 'The Circuit' is important and can make a real difference in saving lives.

The British Heart Foundation, in partnership with the Resuscitation Council UK (RCUK), the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives and the National Health Service, have set up The Circuit: the national defibrillator network database, which provides information on where defibrillators are located. The Circuit is live in all ambulance services across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Registering a defibrillator with The Circuit enables emergency services, including first responders, to locate the nearest publicly accessible external defibrillators (AEDs) when they are treating someone suffering from out of hospital sudden cardiac arrest. Data shared by the British Heart Foundation from The Circuit details that there are 65,870 defibrillators registered in the UK, with 51,332 of these located within England. But we know many more AEDs are not registered, meaning ambulance services cannot find them when they are needed most. That is why we urgently need as many organisations and individuals as possible to register their defibrillator today.

Registration is simple and quick to do.

To register your AED please go to <https://www.thecircuit.uk/>. With the 75th anniversary of the NHS on 5 July, what better way to mark the occasion than to give NHS staff the tools and information they need to save more lives.

I would be grateful if this message could be disseminated to parish and town councils, in addition to as many organisations as possible within your local authority who may have unregistered AEDs."

*Best wishes,
WILL QUINCE MP
Minister of State*

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South Cambridgeshire District Council's **four-day week trial**



Before the trial

- We could **only fill around eight in ten of our vacancies**.
- **Expensive agency staff** used to cover vacancies - especially in Planning.
- **£2million a year spent on agency staff** - filling posts permanently would halve that amount.



Data and outcomes from initial trial as of September 2023

- **A saving of more than £550,000 annually**, after recruiting to nine posts we could not previously fill permanently.
- **Data independently assessed** by the University of Cambridge.
- **18 key performance indicators analysed in initial trial**.
- **Nine areas show substantial improvement**.
- **Remaining areas remain at similar levels** or saw slight decline.
- University of Cambridge said **no serious areas of concern**.



Wellbeing improvements

- Generally **positive impacts for all staff** – but more benefits reported by full time staff than those contracted for part time.
- **Cost to Council for sickness absence days lost substantially lower** in June and July 2023 compared to June and July 2022.
- Intention to stay **increased by 20%**.
- Employee commitment **increased by 11%**.



Next planned steps

- Desk based trial running until **end of March 2024** to test longer-term recruitment and retention impacts.
- More complex **three-month waste collection trial** beginning in mid-September.



Further detail

- [Cabinet meeting on 12 September 2022: Item 11 – Trialling a four-day week at the Council.](#)
- [Cabinet meeting on 15 May 2023: Item 9 – Results of four-day week trial and next steps.](#)
- [Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 8 June: Item 7 – 2022-23 Quarter Four Performance Report – Appendix Ai.](#)
- [Employment and Staffing Committee on 15 September 2023: Item 5 - HR Recruitment, Retention and Absence data - June and July 2023.](#)

The Cambridge Cultural Infrastructure Strategy – Stakeholder Summary Sheet

What is it?

The Greater Cambridge Cultural Infrastructural Strategy will map the buildings, spaces and places where cultural activity takes place in the City of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire at the moment, identify where there are gaps and opportunities, and consider where investment could be targeted in the future to make sure it has the most impact for local people, businesses and communities.

It will also consider the policy context, strategic context, and linked initiatives that interact with and support protection, development and promotion of effective cultural infrastructure.

What is 'Cultural Infrastructure'?

'**Cultural infrastructure**' means the buildings, structures and places where people produce or experience culture. Places where people work, places where people gather and socialise / communities, places people go to to experience something, and spaces used by community groups / volunteering.

What is 'Culture'?

'**Culture**' has a wide-ranging definition. For the purposes of the Cultural Infrastructure Strategy it is focused on the creative, community, literary, artistic and social events and activity that bring people together and shape the way they think, feel and experience a place.

Who do we want to speak to?

We want to speak to owners or operators of spaces and places where cultural activity takes place, or land / building owners for places where cultural activity could take place in the future. This includes theatres, music venues (including pubs), community centres and hubs, village halls, outdoor events spaces, cinemas, historic buildings and sites, creative workspaces, art schools (visual and performing arts), libraries, museums, galleries, shopping centres, community cafes, school halls, rehearsal spaces recording studios... anywhere where people gather to experience culture.

What do we want to know?

- What does cultural infrastructure mean to you / the people you work with?
- What is significant / important about gathering places? (Ask about area capacity, provision, need, demand, services and facilities)
- What is provided by you, and what is the need around you?
- Scale and audience - how many people do you employ, how many people do you engage? (operational scale - one fixed location, numerous locations, outreach; regular activities, one off events)
- For institutions / corporates: what is provided by you, what is around you, what is your need? What does culture need to do for you in terms of supporting / attracting / retention / promoting wellbeing of workforce / students etc.
- What do you think is the biggest risk to cultural infrastructure in Cambridge - where do you think Cambridge stands in the larger scale of things?
- Do you have an example of somewhere you think works really well in terms of Cultural Infrastructure – a favourite space or place, doesn't have to be in Cambridge
- How do you hope people will describe the cultural infrastructure in Greater Cambridge in 20 years time?

Opportunities to speak with us

We have a number of opportunities for people who wish to give us their views and experiences. This includes individual 1:1's, focus groups, and a workshop in mid-October. We can also provide a link to a survey for those who would prefer to give their views in their own time online, although our preference is to speak to people face to face (online or in-person). For more information or any queries, please email: laurencee@genecon.co.uk