



**Councillors' Bulletin
Wednesday, 22 September
2021**

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 23 September to Friday 8 October 2021

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 23 Sep	2 pm	Council	Council Chamber	Rebecca Dobson
Fri 24 Sep	1:30 pm	Grants Advisory Committee	Council Chamber	Aaron Clarke
Mon 27 Sep	-	-	-	-
Tue 28 Sep	10 am	Audit & Corporate Governance Committee	Council Chamber	Patrick Adams
Wed 29 Sep	10 am	Planning Committee (deferred from 8 September)	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 30 Sep	-	-	-	-
Fri 1 Oct	10 am	Cabinet	Council Chamber	Jonathan Malton
Mon 4 Oct	-	-	-	-
Tue 5 Oct	-	-	-	-
Wed 6 Oct	-	-	-	-
Thu 7 Oct	-	-	-	-
Fri 8 Oct	-	-	-	-

Information for District Councillors and Parish Councils

2. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority - Recruitment of Independent Person

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority are recruiting an Independent Person, who will be consulted on the decision whether to investigate complaints about elected members. The postholder is paid an annual allowance of £1,000. Further details are in the attached document.

General Information

3. Media Monitoring



The Council's Communications Team produce a weekly summary of recent news items which is published in the Bulletin to help keep members informed of recent coverage of the Council. Please contact the [Communications Team](#) for further information.

Date	Publication	Details

15/09/2021	Cambridge Independent	Parents of vulnerable children relieved as jabs rolled out	P4	Cllr Pippa Heylings quoted
15/09/2021	Cambridge Independent	City's deadly pollution must be tackled with charging'	P8 & P9	GCP article
15/09/2021	Cambridge Independent	Opinion from Cllr Ian Sollom: MP's manufactured outrage on Local Plan is worthy of Boris Johnson	P14	-
15/09/2021	Cambridge Independent	Rethink OxCam Arc or you'll damage nature, say charities	P14	Greater Cambridge Local Plan referenced
15/09/2021	Cambridge Independent	Wetland habitats have mixed fortunes at neighbouring sites	P19	-
15/09/2021	Cambridge Independent	Homes found for Afghan refugees	P23	-
16/09/2021	Cambridge News	Planning applications	P38	Planning applications received during the past week
16/09/2021	Planning Resource online	Why the risk of councils issuing planning decisions by mistake may be increasing	Link	Behind paywall - SCDC planning arrangements referenced
16/09/2021	HI Hub online	Developers call a halt on retirement village plans	Link	-
17/09/2021	Cambridge Independent online	Opinion from Cllr Ian Sollom: MP's manufactured outrage on Local Plan is worthy of Boris Johnson	Link	-
18/09/2021	Cambridge Independent online	Cambridge road charging 'needed to tackle deadly pollution curse and congestion'	Link	GCP article. Cllr Heather Williams quoted
19/09/2021	Cambridge Independent online	Would £1 bus fares or free travel for young people ease the Greater Cambridge transport challenge?	Link	GCP article. Cllr Heather Williams quoted
19/09/2021	Cambridge Independent online	Rethink OxCam Arc or you'll damage nature and climate, say RSPB, Wildlife Trust, CPRE and Woodland Trust	Link	Greater Cambridge Local Plan referenced
19/09/2021	BBC Sunday Politics East	Cllr Bridget Smith on panel	N/A	-
20/09/2021	Cambridge News	Opinion from Anthony Browne MP: Building more homes is a false economy	P13	-
20/09/2021	In Your Area online	Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire planning applications for week ending September 20	Link	-
20/09/2021	The Spectator online	Opinion from Anthony Browne MP: Why building more houses won't bring prices down	Link	-
20/09/2021	Cambridgeshire Live online	Houses in Cambs ready for Afghan refugee families	Link	-
21/09/2021	Cambridge News	Councils ready for refugees	P12	-
21/09/2021	Royston Crow online	What's next for Thakeham development after Local Plan sites revealed?	Link	-
22/09/2021	Cambridge News	Support in place as fuel crisis suggests tough winter ahead	P6	-
22/09/2021	Cambridge Network online	Explore, discover, enjoy South Cambridgeshire – thanks to district's new tourism website	Link	-
22/09/2021	Cambridge	Explore district's attractions on new	P2	-

	Independent	website		
22/09/2021	Cambridge Independent	House building rates will rise in district by 250%, warns MP	P12	-
22/09/2021	Cambridge Independent	Opinion from Cambridge City Council Leader Cllr Lewis Herbert: Planning a city for our children to inherit	P35	Greater Cambridge Local Plan referenced

4. Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)



Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)

The Local Government Association provides a list of news headlines relevant to its members. Please click the headlines below for more details.

Thursday 16 September, Guardian: [Universal credit cut breaks human rights law, says UN envoy](#)

Cutting universal credit by £20 a week is an “unconscionable” move which breaches international human rights law, the United Nations’ poverty envoy has said.

Thursday 16 September, Mail: [Fly-tipping fines should be increased to act as suitable deterrent](#)

The LGA have said that penalties for dumping rubbish must be significantly higher to prevent people carrying out the illegal act.

Friday 17 September, Times: [Councils spend £6.4bn on commercial property](#)

UK councils have accumulated at least £6.4 billion of commercial property, according to analysis of freedom of information disclosures.

Saturday 18 September, Independent: [Fears for renters as Gove pauses planning shake-up](#)

Michael Gove’s decision to review controversial planning reforms has been criticised by campaigners for affordable housing, who warn that the delays will mean more young people will need to stay in overpriced rented homes.

Sunday 19 September, Observer: [Noisy neighbours spark 67% rise in police complaints](#)

More than half of all police forces across England saw a surge in noise nuisance complaints during last year’s lockdown, with claims that years of cuts have left councils struggling to deal with antisocial behaviour.

Sunday 19 September, Observer: [Universal Credit cut will push 800,000 people into poverty, PM warned](#)

More than 800,000 people risk being plunged into poverty as a result of an imminent cut to Universal Credit, amid plans by senior Conservatives to force the Government into a last minute U-turn.

Monday 20 September, BBC Online: [Climate pledges will be tough to secure, PM warns](#)

The Prime Minister has said there is a “six out of ten” chance of getting other countries to commit to financial and environmental targets ahead of November’s COP26 climate change conference.

Tuesday 21 September, Times: [Developers who sit on land face new tax to fix cladding](#)

Developers who hoard land face a new tax to help pay for the cost of the cladding crisis.

Wednesday 22 September, Mail Online: [Almost 2,000 swimming pools in England could close by 2030](#)

A new report from Swim England has warned that almost 2,000 swimming pools in England could be lost by the end of the decade without urgent Government.

5. View Planning Applications



To view the list of planning applications that have recently been submitted to the Council, please visit the authority's on-line [Planning Application Search](#).

The system will provide a range of information on current and decided applications since 1948, including a brief description of the development, reference number, decision and the date of decision. More recent applications show the name and telephone number of the council officer who is dealing with the application.

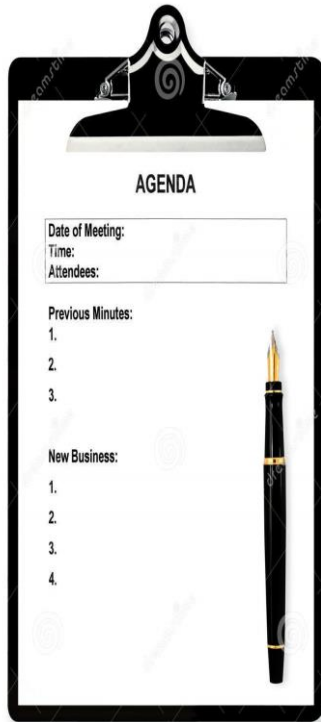
Search results are presented in a collection of pages, the number of which depends on the number of results your search produces. There are navigation tools to allow you to browse your results.

Decisions Made By Officers and Reported For Information

Please click on the link to find details of decisions made by [officers under delegated authority](#).

Other Information

6. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

[Council 23 September](#)

[Audit & Corporate Governance Committee](#)

[28 September](#)

[Planning Committee 29 September \(items deferred from 8 September\)](#)

Officer Decision

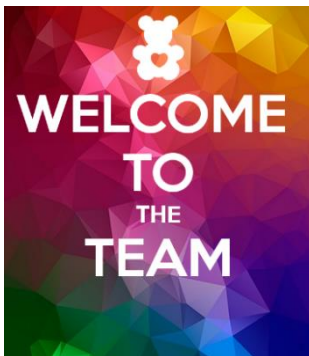
[Installation of table tennis tables at Northstowe](#)

Minutes

[Grants Advisory Committee 27 August](#)

[Planning Committee 8 September](#)

7. The Council's Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Laurence Damary-Homan
Job title: Democratic Services Officer
Date started: 20 September 2021

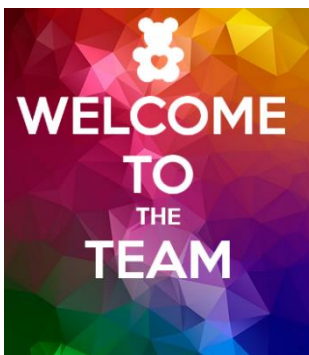
Name: Lisanne Heinz
Job title: Business Support Officer
Date started: 20 September 2021

Name: Emily Mendes
Job title: HR Administrator
Date started: 14 September 2021

Name: Laura Northrup
Job title: Benefits Customer Resource Officer
Date started: 14 September 2021

Name: Connor Owen
Job title: Refuse & Recycling Operative
Date started: 15 September 2021

Name: Jackie Paules
Job title: Temp Transformation
Date started: 11 September 2021





Staff who have left

Name: Joshua Eyles
Leaving date: 1 October 2021

Name: Susan Gardner-Craig
Leaving date: 30 September 2021

Name: Kathleen Rice
Leaving date: 24 September 2021



Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority

Independent Persons Recruitment Pack



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
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COMBINED AUTHORITY

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Introduction

The Combined Authority is led by the Mayor and made up of representatives from the seven constituent councils. We work with the Business Board (the Local Enterprise Partnership) and other local partners to deliver our strategic projects.

The Combined Authority Board is chaired by the elected Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. The purpose of the Board is to ensure that the decisions and actions of the Combined Authority deliver key outcomes for the people of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The Combined Authority Board consists of the leaders of the seven constituent councils, the chair of the Business Board and co-opted members: the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Police & Crime Commissioner and representatives from the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority and the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group.

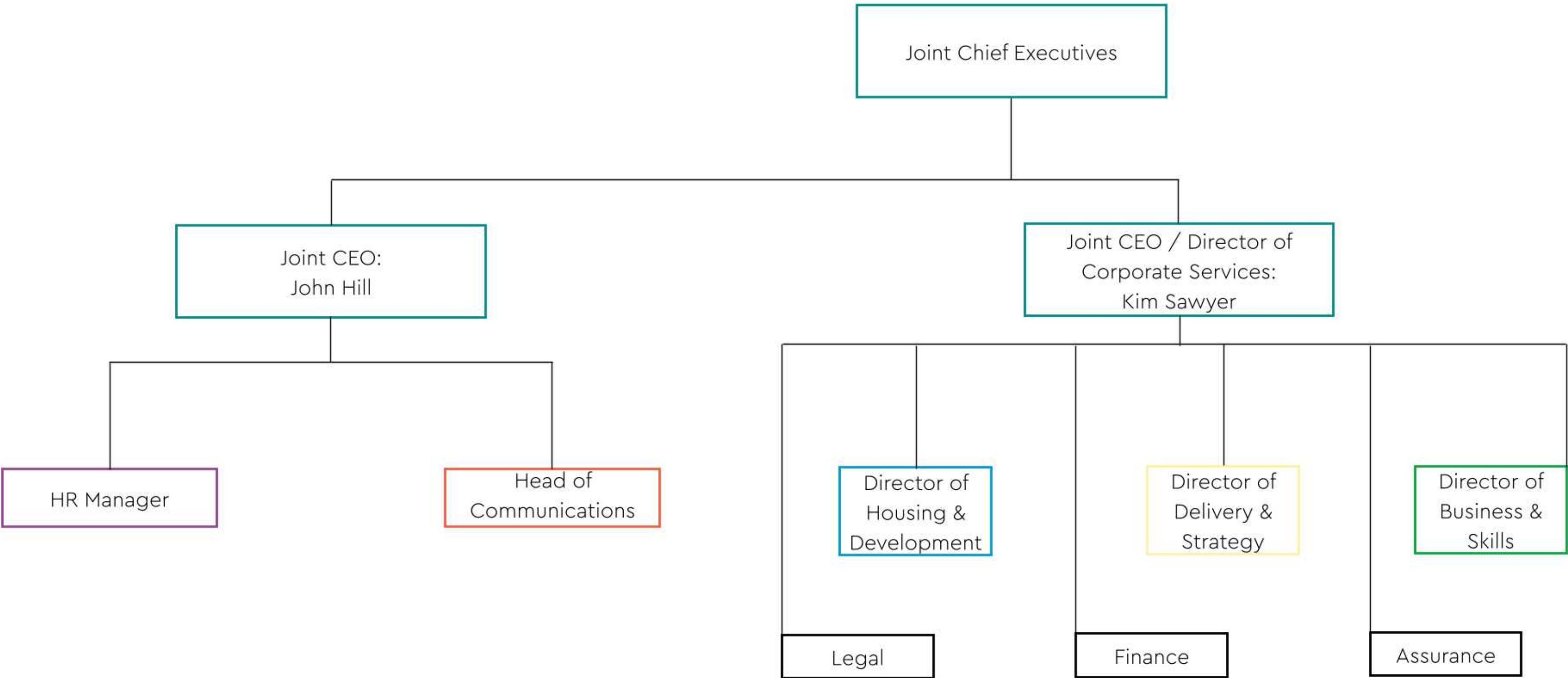
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The Combined Authority is a lean and effective local authority. We deliver practical, ambitious projects that increase wellbeing and economic growth across the region, levelling up and empowering the North of Cambridgeshire while building on and accelerating the ambition and international reputation of the South.

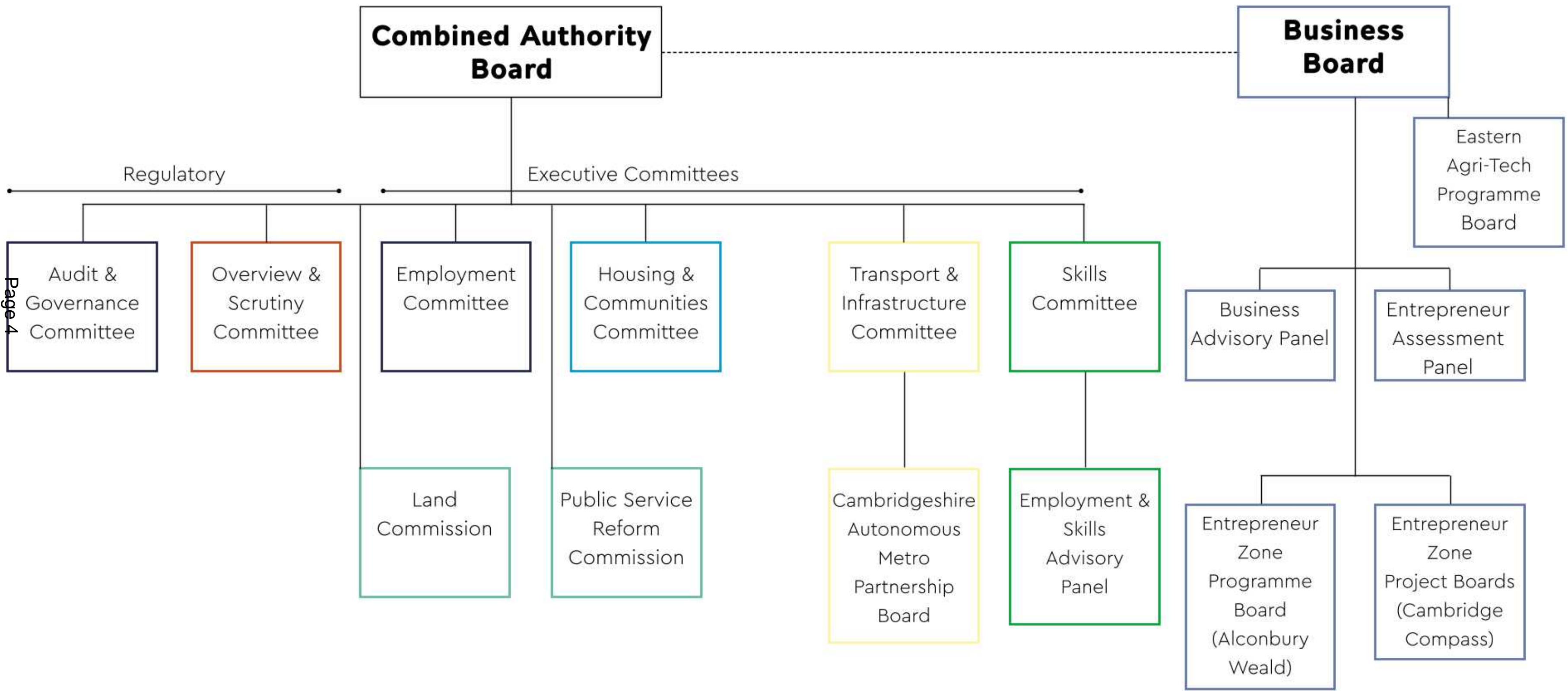
For further information, please follow the link to our website

Senior Staff Structure

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Decision Making Structure



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How to find us

The Combined Authority is currently based out of the Mayor's Office in Ely; due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are all still mainly working from home.

The Mayor's Office address is:
 72 Market Street
 Ely
 CB7 4LS

There is no car parking at the Mayor's Office itself: please see below for details of nearby car parks.

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The Mayor's Office is a ten minute walk from Ely Station.

<p>Short Stay Car Parks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a St Mary's Street – 2hrs b Newnham Street – 3hrs c The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Visitors car park 1 hr during office hours. Saturday only – 3hrs d Forehill – 4hrs <p style="text-align: center;">FREE PARKING</p>	<p>Long-Stay Car Parks e & f</p> <p>with early morning restrictions* in the following car parks</p> <p>Barton Road (Cathedral) Fisherman's car park Newnham Street (Long Stay section) Ship Lane Forehill (Long stay section)</p> <p><i>*Vehicles seen parked occupying a bay between 8:00 and 10:00 are limited to 90 minutes with no return for 2 hours. Unrestricted outside these times – Applicable Monday to Saturday. i.e. If you are parked at 8:00am you need to remove your vehicle by 9:30am, if you arrive at 8:31am you can stay all day.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">FREE PARKING</p>	<p>Angel Drove & The Dock Long Stay Pay & Display</p> <p>Charges: £3.00 per day £12.00 per week</p> <p>SEASON TICKETS AVAILABLE:</p> <p>Quarterly: £145.00 Annual: £506.00</p> <p>Apply at www.eastcambs.gov.uk or ring 01353 665555 for further information</p>
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The Role of Independent Persons

- **Location:** TBC
- **Allowance:** £1000 per annum (plus expenses incurred within the role)
- **Hours:** You will be required to be contactable at all times during normal working hours by telephone or by email and to be available to attending hearings which may be held in the day time. You will normally be given at least 28 days notice of any hearings, but the notice period may be shorter in cases of urgency, if, for example, a hearing has been adjourned for any reason and your attendance is required.
- **Term of Office:** 4 years
- **Closing Date:** 01 October 2021 (5pm COB)
- **Start date:** Ideally the Candidate will be available to start in Early November

Role Summary

To assist the Combined Authority in promoting high standards of conduct by elected, appointed and co-opted members of the Authority and in particular to uphold the Code of Conduct adopted by the Combined Authority and the seven principles of public office, namely selflessness, honesty, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness and leadership.

The Independent Person will be consulted on the decision to investigate complaints and before a decision is made on an investigated complaint. The Independent Person may be consulted on other standards matters, including by the member who is subject to an allegation.

Responsibilities

- To be consulted and to give views in accordance with the constitution of the Combined Authority.
- To be available for consultation before a decision is taken as to whether to investigate a complaint or to seek local resolution of the same.
- To be available for consultation by any member who is the subject of a standards complaint.
- To develop a sound understanding of the ethical framework as it operates within the Combined Authority.
- To participate in training events to develop skills, knowledge and experience and in networks developed for Independent Persons operating outside the Combined Authority's area.
- To attend training events organised and promoted by the Authority's relevant Committees.
- To act as advocate and ambassador for the Combined Authority in promoting ethical behaviour.
- To participate as an Independent Person in any Disciplinary Panel set up to make recommendations on any disciplinary actions in respect of a Chief Officer as defined in Chapter 18 of the Combined Authority's Standing Orders.

Personal Specification & Behaviours

- Personal integrity and honesty
- A keen interest and commitment to maintaining high standards in public life.
- A wish to serve the local community and uphold local democracy
- An interest in and awareness of the functions of local government relating to ethical governance, in particular the role of elected Members and the relevant Codes of Conduct.
- Independence, impartiality and experience of exercising sound objective judgements in relation to complex matters
- Excellent questioning, analytical and evaluation skills in order to advise whether a breach of the Code of Conduct or complaint should be investigated.

- A commitment to promoting equality and an awareness of the issues affecting the communities of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- Excellent communication skills in particular the ability to provide clear rationale for advice and to explain decision making when required.
- Experience of dealing with private and sensitive issues, exercising discretion and maintaining confidentiality of information received.
- Flexibility to deal with urgent requests.
- Aged 18 or over and with a mature and sound temperament

Exclusions - The Independent Person will not be:-

- A Member, co-opted member or employee of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority or any of the constituent councils; or have held such a post within the previous 5 years.
- A relative or close friend of such a person; or
- A member of a political party

How to Apply

Your Data

- The Data Protection Act 2018 is the UK's implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).
- Under the Data Protection Act 2018, CPCA reserve the right to collect, store and process personal data about job applicants in so far as it is relevant to recruitment processes. This includes processing sensitive data for the purposes of monitoring the CA's equality and diversity policy. All personal information held by the CPCA will be processed in accordance with the principles of the Data Protection Act.
- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer, who values diversity and promotes equality. CPCA does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, colour, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, non-disqualifying physical or mental disability, national origin, or any other basis covered by Equality Act 2010. All employment is decided on qualifications, merit, and business need and we encourage applications from all sections of society. If you would like any reasonable adjustments or additional arrangements, please contact us via the details below.

Applying for the Role

- For further information or for an informal discussion about the role please contact Sabina Mahmood HR Business Partner or Martin Jaynes HR Manager by email: recruitment@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk
- Please submit CVs with a covering letter to recruitment@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk

Members' Code of Conduct

1. Principles of Public Life

- The Code of Conduct is intended to promote high standards of behaviour amongst the Members and Co-opted Members of the Combined Authority, including Members of the Business Board.
- The Code is underpinned by the following principles of public life, which should be borne in mind, when interpreting the meaning of the Code:

i. Selflessness

- Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest.

ii. Integrity

- Holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

iii. Objectivity

- Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

iv. Accountability

- Holders of public office are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.

v. Openness

- Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.

vi. Honesty

- Holders of public office should be truthful.

& Complaints Procedure

vii. Leadership

- Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.

Part 1 – Member Code of Conduct and Protocols

- The Member Code of Conduct and Protocols are appendices to Chapter 19 of the Combined Authority Constitution. [Read the full Constitution and the appendices.](#)

Part 2 - Complaints Against Members of the Combined Authority

You are a Member or Co-opted Member of the Combined Authority or Business Board, and hence you shall have regard to the following principles – selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

Accordingly, when acting in your capacity as a Member or Co-opted Member –

- You must act in a manner consistent with the Board's diversity statement and treat your fellow Board Members, members of staff and others you come into contact with when working in their role with respect and courtesy at all times.
- You must act solely in the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person or act to gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family, a friend or close associates.
- You must not place yourself under a financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence you in the performance of your official duties.

- When carrying out your public duties or Business Board duties you must make all choices, such as making appointments, awarding contracts or recommending individuals for rewards or benefits, on evidence.
 - You are accountable for your decisions and you must co-operate fully with whatever scrutiny is appropriate to your office or position.
 - You must be as open as possible about your decisions and actions and the decisions and actions of your authority or Business Board. In addition, you should be prepared to give reasons for those decisions and actions.
 - You must declare any private interests, both pecuniary and non-pecuniary, including membership of any Trade Union, political party or local authority that relate to your public or Business Board duties. Furthermore, you must take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest. This includes registering and declaring interests in a manner conforming with the procedures set out in the section 'Registering and declaring pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests' (see full Code of Conduct).
- You must, when using or authorising the use by others of the resources of your authority or Business Board, ensure that such resources are not used improperly for political purposes or personal purposes (including party political purposes) and you must have regard to any applicable Local Authority Code of Publicity made under the Local Government Act 1986.
- You must promote and support high standards of conduct when serving in your public post or Business Board post, in particular as characterised by the above requirements, by leadership and example.



Welcome to the Combined Authority

Useful Links

- [Our Constitution](#)
- [The Devolution Deal](#)
- [Meetings Calendar](#)
- [Governance](#)



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