



Report to:	Climate and Environment Advisory Committee 14 June 2021
Lead Cabinet Member:	Bridget Smith
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Greater Cambridge Chalk Streams Project

1. This report introduces a presentation on the Greater Cambridge Chalk Streams Project from the Cambridge City Council Biodiversity Officer.
2. The project arose from a cross-boundary Water Summit held in 2019, which identified the need to establish a baseline of the current condition, threats and opportunities facing the chalk streams. Cambridge City Council and Cambridge Water commissioned the Wildlife Trust and the Wild Trout Trust to assess the health of the 17 main chalk streams emerging from the aquifer in South Cambridgeshire. A draft report providing a brief overview of the main problems affecting these and the key opportunities to improve each one, was completed in December.
3. Local communities and other interested parties were invited to add their knowledge of the watercourses and how they can best be protected and restored to the report, which was open for comments until 4 March.
4. The draft report can be viewed on Cambridge City Council's website at <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/chalk-streams>.
5. The purpose of the presentation is to further the conversation about what needs to be done, where, and by whom, to facilitate funding and delivery of projects to improve the health of local chalk streams.

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