

Cambridgeshire County Council Report – July 2024

Since last month, we have had the announcement of the General Election and meetings have been postponed or delayed, as decisions that could have an effect on the General Election outcome are delayed until afterwards.

This has meant that the LHI bids will not now be discussed until the September 2024 meeting, although this is also due to Huntingdonshire and Fenland panels not having met to discuss the complex applications.

Highways

There is still a delay in getting things done on road maintenance and this impacts upon residents.

I have been continually pushing for a better response from the Local Highways teams and it seems that this has been recognised, as changes in management have been made and I would hope to see an improvement in the way that repairs are undertaken.

Buses

There is still a lack of clarity over what routes the Combined Authority are able to fund with their 200% precept increase and this has been delayed, partly due to the Board and Committee not having met.

Education

Members may have seen a recent press release about £25m spent on taxis for transporting children to and from school. A large proportion of these will be SEND students, who require transport to specialist placements, but there is still a big issue with the lack of, especially secondary school places, around Cambridge.

I have raised concerns over the last six months about the increasing costs and despite County officers saying that they have to get it under control, I have great doubts around their ability to achieve that.

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