

## Ely Neighbourhood Panel Meeting

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013, 7pm-9.00pm

The Council Chamber, East Cambridgeshire District Council.

### AGENDA

19:00-19:02	1	Welcome	Cllr Philip Eden, Panel Chairman
19:02-19:05	2	Introductions and Apologies (Inc. introduction of officers present from agencies)	Cllr Philip Eden, Panel Chairman
19:05-19:10	3	Chairman's Announcements and Consultation items	Cllr Philip Eden, Panel Chairman & John Hill, ECDC Lead Officer
19:10-19:25	4	Update on East Cambs District Council, Sanctuary Housing, Cambs County Council, and City of Ely Council actions since last meeting	Agency Panel Representatives
19:25-19:45	5	Neighbourhood Policing Update and actions since the last meeting	Paul Ormerod, Cambs Constabulary
19:45-20:10	6	Audience Issues  Audience asked to raise any other issues not already raised during the updates session	Cllr Philip Eden, Panel Chairman
<b>Presentation Items: -</b>			
20:10-20:25	7	<b>Community Infrastructure Levy</b>	<b>Shirley Blake, East Cambs District Council</b>
20:25 – 20:40	8	<b>Update on option B for the Bypass</b>	<b>Brian Stinton, Cambs County Council</b>
20:40-20:45	9	Panel Prioritisation	Cllr Philip Eden, Panel Chairman
20:45 – 20:55	10	Forward Agenda	Cllr Philip Eden, Panel Chairman

# Current Consultations:-

## **ELY'S CAR PARKING CONSULTATION 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013**

### **The Joint City of Ely Council and East Cambridgeshire Car Parking Proposal**

East Cambridgeshire District Council and the City of Ely Council are inviting the public to give their views on how a car parking scheme will operate in Ely.

Discussions between the two Councils have produced new proposals on car parking charges which include a free first hour of parking in our short stay car parks as well as a guarantee to invest excess income (should there be any) to benefit the city centre.

The plans aim to balance affordable parking for those wishing to visit and work in the city, with regulating turnover and managing demand for spaces now and in the future.

### **The Proposals**

- A daily charging policy of:

Short Stay	1 hour	Free
	2 hours	70p
	3 hours	£1.00
	4 hours	£1.50
Long Stay*	8.00 am to 8.30 am	£2.50 (early morning restrictions still apply)
	8.31 am to 6 pm	£2.50
	Weekly Ticket	£5.00

\*excluding Angel Drove

Evening (6pm-8am)      Free parking on all car parks (excluding Angel Drove)

Angel Drove      Retention of existing charges on a daily basis

- A guarantee that any excess income above a 'break even' on the 2012/13 budget (subject to annual review) would be reinvested/reassigned to the following:
  - Projects to benefit Ely Centre (20% of any excess income)
  - Consider any proposals to reduce the cost of car parking charges
  - Increasing car park capacity in the City
  - Investment in on and off street car parking enforcement
- The above guarantee would be overseen by a joint East Cambridgeshire District Council and City of Ely Joint Committee (to be established based on equal representation) on an 'open book' accounting basis.
- Changes to the current long stay/short stay provision, specifically:

Newnham Street	Short stay only
Forehill	Reintroduction of approximately 171 long stay spaces

This results in a net increase of approximately 131 long stay spaces (offset by a reduction in short stay provision).
- A guarantee of no increase in car parking charges for the full term of both Councils i.e. May 2015.

### **Have your Say**

As part of the Public Consultation process we would like to ask for your opinions on these proposals. Responses can be submitted online at [www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk) or by requesting a form from: East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB7 4EE. Tel: 01353 665555. E-mail: [parking@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:parking@eastcambs.gov.uk).

You have until 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013 to submit your responses, after which the public consultation will have closed.

If you have any questions on this consultation, please contact the Town Centres Team at East Cambridgeshire District Council on 01353 665555 or e-mail [parking@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:parking@eastcambs.gov.uk).

## **Independent Remuneration Panel Review of Members Allowances**

An Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP), comprising 5 local members of the public, has been conducting a review of Councillors allowances over the Autumn period. The IRP report will be published on the Council's website and a public notice on its findings published in the Cambridge News in early January. The IRP's recommendations will be considered by the Council's Finance and Governance Committee on 31 January 2013 and recommendations made by them to the full Council on 21 February 2013. Both of these meetings are open to the public to attend and ask questions via the Council's Question Time procedure.

The IRP's recommendations include a small increase in the Basic Allowance that all Councillors receive of £373 per annum, to largely reinstate the 10% reduction in allowances voluntarily agreed by Members in 2010, but proposes reductions in the Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) paid to particular Councillors for special roles such as Chairman of Vice-Chairman of a Committee and Group Leaders, etc.

A copy of the full IRP report is available on the Council's Website at [www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk) or from Tracy Couper, Principal Democratic Services Officer, The Grange Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE, Telephone: 01353 616278 or E-mail: [tracy.couper@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:tracy.couper@eastcambs.gov.uk)

## **New Local Plan**

The new Local Plan will provide a blueprint for the growth of the district over the next 20 years, setting out how much and where development should take place, and identifying the need for new infrastructure. It will also allocate specific sites for housing, employment and other land uses. Extensive consultation has already taken place with local communities on local priorities and needs, and Parish/Town Councils have been heavily involved in helping to draw up initial draft 'Visions' for each village and town. The next stage will involve consultation on the draft Local Plan (including the draft Village/Town Visions) in Jan/Feb 2013. The draft Plan, plus comments will then be reported to an independent Inspector appointed by Government. A public examination will be held, and the Plan adopted by the end of 2013.

<b><u>Consultation on issues and options in villages and towns</u></b>	<b><u>2011/12</u></b>
<b><u>Publish draft Local Plan for consultation (incorporating draft Village/Town Visions)</u></b>	<b><u>Jan/Feb 2013</u></b>
<b><u>Submission of Local Plan to Government</u></b>	<b><u>June 2013</u></b>
<b><u>Public Examination on Local Plan</u></b>	<b><u>Autumn 2013</u></b>
<b><u>Adoption of Local Plan by East Cambs District Council</u></b>	<b><u>Late 2013</u></b>