



## Cambridge City Council

### Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** Thursday, 16 January 2025

**Time:** 6.00 pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ [access the building via Peashill entrance]

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Appendix B to the report relates to confidential information and is recommended that the committee resolves to exclude the press and public by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, if they wish to discuss the appendix.

#### Decisions for the Executive Councillor for Communities

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## **To Note Record of Urgent Decision Taken by the Chief Executive**

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          Conservators of the River Cam (Pages 85 - 86)

**Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee Members:** Pounds (Chair), Nestor (Vice-Chair), Ashton, Divkovic, Glasberg, Hauk, Payne and Swift

**Alternates:** Flaubert, Griffin, Martinelli, Sheil and Tong

**Executive Councillors:** Gilderdale (Statutory Deputy Leader with Executive Responsibility for Economy and Skills), Holloway (Executive Councillor for Community Safety, Homelessness and Wellbeing), Moore (Executive Councillor for Climate Action and Environment), Smart (Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services) and Wade (Executive Councillor for Communities)

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## **ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** 26 September 2024 6.00 - 8.05 pm

**Present:** Councillors Pounds (Chair), Nestor (Vice-Chair), Ashton, Divkovic, Glasberg, Hauk, Payne and Swift

Executive Councillors: Holloway (Executive Councillor for Community Safety, Homelessness and Wellbeing) and Moore (Executive Councillor for Climate Action and Environment)

### **Officers:**

Assistant Chief Executive: Andrew Limb  
Director, Communities Group: Sam Scharf  
Environmental Quality & Growth Manager: Jo Dicks  
Climate Change Officer: Janet Fogg  
Scientific Officer: Elizabeth Bruce  
Committee Manager: James Goddard  
Meeting Producer: Claire Tunnicliffe

### **Others Present:**

Air Quality Consultant: Dr Claire Beattie  
Climate Change Officer: Danette O'Hara  
Logika Group: David Birchby

<b>FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL</b>
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### **24/39/EnC Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Divkovic and Payne who would arrive after the start of the meeting (they arrived by the start of the public questions item).

### **24/40/EnC Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

### **24/41/EnC Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Councillor Ashton referred to 24/31/EnC Record of Urgent Decision taken by the Executive Councillor for Climate Action and Environment regarding the Material Recycling Facility (MRF) Contract 2024. He asked for details as he understood the MRF was going to Northern Ireland although the contract was controlled by South Cambs District Council.

The Executive Councillor for Climate Action and Environment responded:

- i. The MRF contract was due for renewal.
- ii. The City Council worked in partnership with ReCap and Cambridgeshire Authorities to look at a new provider for all partners. The tender received for all partners was three times the current cost so parties were advised to break into smaller groups to get a cheaper tender.
- iii. The City Council did have a say in where recycling materials went, but the County Council ran the procurement process as the waste disposal authority and did not choose the Waterbeach site.
- iv. Officers looked at a new location for the MRF and chose the Northern Ireland site.
- v. Waterbeach merely sorted waste then sent it offsite for recycling (it did not recycle on-site), so moving the MRF to Northern Ireland was not such a large change.
- vi. The City Council and South Cambs District Council would continue using Waterbeach for six months then move to the Northern Ireland facility. The new contract would last five years.

Councillor Pounds said she had received a recent briefing from Officers covering amongst other topics:

1. The Happy Bee scheme.
2. A report on the impact of the Herbicide Free Policy impact, specifically progress of the use of the new machines for clearing pavements and kerbsides instead of using herbicides.

Councillor Pounds offered to circulate details to Committee Members.

## **24/42/EnC Public Questions**

A list of public questions was publishing on the meeting page available via: [Agenda for Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 26th September, 2024, 6.00 pm - Cambridge Council](#)

Responses to public questions and supplementary questions were included below:

### Question 1: Barney McCullagh

The planned relocation of the Grafton Centre's Ping Pong Parlour to the Malle's unit 55 creates more problems than it solves. The new premises are scarcely big enough to accommodate two tables. The mammoth interior square pillars that are characteristic of the Centre, puts internal space at a premium. By contrast, the current premises are big enough to accommodate ten tables. The parlour has in this sense become a victim of its own success. With tables freely available, the popularity of the parlour has grown exponentially, so much so that the facility has long since become a 'de facto' community centre where English, Chinese, and Central Europeans (to name but a few) congregate to play, talk, and socialise. Whilst the beneficiaries of this initiative are grateful to Table Tennis England and the Grafton Centre for their original investment, there is now much uncertainty surrounding the venue's new 2-table operation. Will a booking system be introduced? Will would-be players form queues outside with no guarantee of gaining access to a table? Clearly a 2-table venue will be unworkable in the long run. This is where the Council could make a difference. Could it not dedicate a premises in central Cambridge to the provision of free Table Tennis for all? Ideally the site should be inalienable and devoted in perpetuity to the practice of the sport both by the townspeople and those living in South Cambridgeshire.

In essence we fear that the relocation of the Table Tennis parlour will be the thin end of a wedge that will lead to the extinction of our burgeoning 'community'. There is a further issue to be considered. I am one of many Parkinson's sufferers throughout the world whose symptoms have been alleviated by playing Table Tennis. So strong is the link between the sport and Parkinson's that there have already been four Ping Pong Parkinson's World Championships with a fifth scheduled to take place in France this October. Thus, investing in a 10-table centre will show that Britain, and Cambridge in particular, are active in, and committed to, a movement towards health through sport and self-help. Indeed the disencumbering of the NHS from part of its responsibility for the treatment of Parkinson's coupled with the individual

sufferer's assumption of responsibility for his or her own physical health can only be a good thing. This empowerment of the individual only requires a one-off initial investment to be effective. We therefore urge Cambridge City Council, either in tandem with Ping Pong England or on its own initiative, to acquire, equip and maintain a 10- or 12- table Ping Pong facility for the use of those living in Cambridge and its environs.

The Executive Councillor for Community Safety, Homelessness and Wellbeing responded:

- i. The Agreement for provision of the "Ping Parlour" was a direct arrangement between Table Tennis England and the Grafton Centre management, not the City Council. The City Council just helped to facilitate sessions in there.
- ii. Believed the ping pong parlour would be moved to another unit in the Grafton Centre by Decathlon but was unsure of dates and the size of the new facility.
- iii. The City Council did not own either facility or fund the centre, so there was not a lot the Council could do other than work with Table Tennis England to look for other sites. Officers intended to meet Table Tennis England one week after committee.
- iv. Offered to talk to the questioner after committee to address any issues.

#### Question 2a: Minjie Ding

I am resident in Cambridge. Night parties/Night noise become a big issue in Cambridge. However, Council's current organisation cannot deal with the noise complaint efficiently or sufficiently. Following are the news about night noise.

1.1 BBC news on 21 Sept, police called to 'house party goes wrong' at Cambridge, The ambulance was called, which caused extra work to NHS.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c8dj9rn2m93o>

<https://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/cambs-party-leaves-local-residents-24517511>



1.2 the Guardian news in 2021 Noisy neighbours spark 67% rise in police complaints, the complaints tripled in Cambridgeshire.

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2021/sep/19/noisy-neighbours-spark-67-rise-in-police-complaints>

Council doesn't have night team to deal with noise nuisance immediately, which made vulnerable people suffering from mental disorder, and the further useless complaint procedure and officer's inaction, cause extra burden to NHS. Although victims can take legal proceeding against noise nuisance, Council doesn't help victims to get the noise makers' name, which made the legal proceeding impossible. Any plan for council to solve this problem?

Other council's solution:

I did research on 294 local authorities. (36 metropolitan districts, 32 London boroughs, 62 Unitary authorities and 164 district council in England.) There are 70 councils have the night team to deal with night noise nuisance immediately. I don't know why Cambridge City council cannot deal with it? Funding cut is not an excuse.

Let's take Bristol as an Example. Bristol university, council, police were worked together to manage the night parties. Police will attend the night party and fine them. This will lead the party animals to have parties in the club and pub. They will spend money there, which will revitalise the economy. At the same time, police can have some income instead of asking the parliament to give them more funding. Working class, vulnerable people can have a good sleep, in which the working class can work more harder, earn more money, pay more tax to the government. The vulnerable people don't need to see doctor for anxiety, heart disease etc. As night party can trigger lots of mental disorder. having a night team, leading people to club, can release burden for NHS.

The Executive Councillor for Climate Action and Environment responded:

- i. Referred to details in earlier communication with the public speaker.
- ii. There was not an out of hours Environmental Health Officer employed by the City Council, the vacancy could not be filled. As an alternative, a

noise app and recording equipment could be loaned to residents to record noise and use the recording in court to prove issues.

- iii. The City Council would take noise enforcement action where applicable; some issues were the responsibility of the Police.

Supplementary question:

Minjie Ding sought clarification on actions to take in a neighbour dispute.

The Executive Councillor responded:

- i. Was sorry to hear Minjie Ding found the Anti-Social Behaviour Team was unable to help her
- ii. The noise app was used to undertake similar enforcement action (provide evidence) as an on-call officer could.

#### Question 2b Minjie Ding

Cambridge City Council plan to merge with Peterborough council and also another partnership, I would like to know the progress of that. And for the new organisation, is there any plan to solve the bureaucracy (local authorities inaction)? If we don't address this problem, no matter how much tax the working class will pay, we'll never solve the financial mismanagement problem.

The Executive Councillor for Climate Action and Environment responded:

- i. The City Council had no plans to merge with Peterborough City Council.
- ii. However, Cambridge City Council had just completed initial public engagement about the future of local government for Cambridge. More information about the 'Future of Local Government for Cambridge' was available on the Council's website.
- iii. The results of the engagement would be published in due course.
- iv. Cambridge City Council, Peterborough City Council and other Cambridgeshire Councils were part of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority to improve the region's economy and opportunities for local people.
- v. Cambridge City Council had little tax collecting powers, these were set by national government.

Supplementary question:

Minjie Ding sought clarification on why council tax was rising when the City Council was undertaking the same amount of work.

The Executive Councillor responded:

- i. Council tax was increasing but the City Council was doing more work.
- ii. Offered to talk to Minjie Ding after committee as her Ward Councillor to address any issues.

## **24/43/EnC Climate Change Strategy and Carbon Management Plan Annual Report 2023/24**

### **Matter for Decision**

The Officer's report provided an update on progress on the 2023/24 actions of the Council's Climate Change Strategy 2021-26. As part of this, the report included an update on progress in implementing projects to reduce direct carbon emissions from corporate buildings, fleet vehicles and business travel as detailed in the Council's Carbon Management Plan 2021-26.

The report also provided an update on the Council's Greenhouse Gas Emissions for 2023/24 and a new Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (CR&VA) and Adaptation Plan, which prioritised the climate change risks for the Council and the city, plus details on actions the Council was taking to adapt and improve resilience.

### **Decision of Executive Councillor for Climate Action and Environment**

- i. Noted the progress achieved in implementing the actions in the Climate Change Strategy and Carbon Management Plan (Appendix B of the Officer's report).
- ii. Approved the updated Climate Change Strategy Action Plan presented in Appendix A.
- iii. Noted the risks identified and actions being taken in the Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (CR&VA) and Adaptation Plan.

### **Reason for the Decision**

As set out in the Officer's report.

### **Any Alternative Options Considered and Rejected**

Not applicable.

### **Scrutiny Considerations**

The Committee received a report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

The Assistant Chief Executive said the following in response to Members' questions:

- i. Undertook to provide briefing details to Committee Members after the meeting on:
  - a. Civic Quarter project and biodiversity net gain.
  - b. Community Action Days.
  - c. Green investments from General Fund.
  - d. Support for businesses to tackle climate change.
  - e. Procurement and Climate Change.
  - f. Carbon Neutral Cambridge's commentary on the Climate Change Strategy annual update report.
- ii. Targets referenced in the Officer's report were direct emissions from the City Council. The hope was to get the city to net zero, but this was an aspiration.
- iii. The Council was taking a wide range of direct actions, set out in the Climate Change Strategy Action Plan. For example seeking to reduce emissions from its housing and leisure sites. Officers were looking at how to take more actions in future.
- iv. The Guildhall was used for a number of purposes by different organisations. There were currently no plans to host a Decarbonisation Officer in the Guildhall. Other officers could be signposted to people making enquiries.
- v. The City Council was putting in electric vehicle charging points in carparks on land it owned. The Environmental Quality & Growth Manager was liaising with the County Council to encourage people to put charging points on home owners' properties in residential areas.

The Environmental Quality & Growth Manager said:

- a. A pilot project was run with Cambridgeshire County Council to install forty-two charging points in residential areas. A larger project was expected to be rolled out in the next twelve months, led by the

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, to install more charging points around the county (not just in the city).

- b. The City Council had installed rapid chargers around Cambridge for taxi and public use.
  - c. The on-street charging tariff could be expensive. It was cheaper to use private charging points. The tariff for public ones included maintenance costs. The contract for residential on-street chargers was managed by the County Council. Rates across the city were competitive with national ones.
- vi. A social value framework was currently being developed. This looked at how City Council money could be used to nudge contractors to take more action. The Director of Communities was writing a new strategy to take over from the existing one in eighteen months.
- vii. Referenced objective 4 in the report. The City Council convened the City Leaders Climate Change Group to share good practice plus encourage residents and businesses to reduce emissions.
- viii. It was difficult to engage with some residents if they did not want to respond.
- ix. The City Council was working with partners to decarbonise the food supply chain, working with partners such as Cambridge Sustainable Food.

The Director of Communities said officers were looking at how to use community venues as food hubs. Actions could be reported back in future such as work with Coe Farm.

- x. The Waterbeach Renewable Energy Network (WREN) solar project was scheduled to start construction in 2025.

The Executive Councillor for Climate Action and Environment said the Council had taken delivery of a fourth electric vehicle for waste collection. More could not be procured until WREN came online. Some waste oil powered vehicles were used mean time.

The Committee unanimously resolved to endorse the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor approved the recommendations.

### **Conflicts of Interest Declared by the Executive Councillor (and any Dispensations Granted)**

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

### **Comment by Committee**

The Committee thanked Assistant Chief Executive Andrew Limb for his exceptional work in supporting Cambridge City Council's climate change strategy.

### **24/44/EnC Consultation on the Expansion of the Smoke Control Area (SCA)**

#### **Matter for Decision**

Solid Fuel Burning was the largest single source of PM2.5 emissions in Cambridge. It accounted for 40% of emissions in Cambridge.

Legislation to control emissions from solid fuel burning was the Clean Air Act 1993 and the use of Smoke Control Areas (SCA); a designated area where the emission of smoke was not permitted. You could burn inside a SCA, but either smokeless fuel or a DEFRA approved appliance must be used. Three SCAs were introduced in Cambridge in the 1960s and 1970s. Most residential properties were outside existing SCAs.

Cambridge City Council commissioned an independent report to assess the effects of amending the SCA in Cambridge to cover the whole of the city. The report considered both the inclusion and exclusion of permanent moored vessels in terms of changes in pollution emissions, health & socio-economic impacts.

The report concluded that any changes to widen the scope of the SCA would provide a net benefit to society from health improvements due to reduced air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, with these benefits outweighing the combined costs. Costs included cost to home and vessel owners of switching fuel or upgrading stoves; and cost to council for implementation and enforcement.

The impact on individuals was considered as part of the socio-economic study. Very few residents were solely dependent on solid fuel for heating and hot water, with changes impacting those that used wood burning stoves for pleasure or to subsidise other forms of central heating. However, this was not the case for moored vessel owners who were more dependent on solid fuel. Evidence suggested this group may have lower incomes and be more vulnerable.

The Officer's report recommended the expansion of the SCA to cover the whole city including moored vessels, and recommended further engagement with vessel owners given the increased potential vulnerability of this group. Should changes to the SCA be implemented, it should be accompanied by a robust awareness raising campaign.

### **Decision of Executive Councillor for Climate Action and Environment**

Approved the consultation to the public on expanding the SCA to cover the whole of the district including to extend the scope of the SCA to include permanent moored vessels.

### **Reason for the Decision**

As set out in the Officer's report.

### **Any Alternative Options Considered and Rejected**

See Officer's report.

### **Scrutiny Considerations**

The Committee received a report from the Environmental Quality & Growth Manager.

The Committee made the following comments in response to the report:

- i. Referred to the 2023 report regarding how enforcement action could be undertaken. The intention would be to investigate complaints from members of the public, issue warnings if required, then act if people did not desist from burning inappropriate fuels etc. There had been no prosecutions under the SCAs in twenty-seven years.
- ii. Residents in some wards complained when others burnt solid fuel as they were concerned about harm from smoke.

The Environmental Quality & Growth Manager said the following in response to Members' questions:

- i. The Officer's report recommended the expansion of the SCA to cover the whole city including moored vessels, and recommended further engagement/consultation with vessel owners given the increased potential vulnerability of this group.
- ii. People could still burn approved fuels or any fuel in an approved appliance.
- iii. Retailers could only supply smokeless fuels. 'Approved' stoves were available and more expensive than 'standard' stoves. The report set out options the City Council could implement to avoid penalising boat owners.

The Air Quality Consultant said the difference between 'standard' and 'approved' stoves was hard to quantify. Possibly a reduction in up to 70% of some particulates. Undertook to liaise with Councillor Glasberg after committee.

- iv. There would always be some harm from burning combustible fuels, so reducing emissions would lead to some benefits.

The Scientific Officer reiterated:

- i. Officers had plans to engage with residents and raise awareness of issues if SCA were expanded.
- ii. People could use appropriate fuel/stoves.
- iii. There was a need to improve fuel issues such as traffic emissions to improve air quality.

The Committee unanimously resolved to endorse the recommendation.

The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation.

### **Conflicts of Interest Declared by the Executive Councillor (and any Dispensations Granted)**

No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.



The meeting ended at 8.05 pm

**CHAIR**

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## REPORT TITLE: HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF FARES

**To:** Councillor Rosy Moore  
Executive Councillor for Climate Change Environment and City Centre  
Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee

**Report by:**  
Yvonne O'Donnell, Environmental Health Manager  
Tel: 01223 457951 Email: Yvonne.odonnell@cambridge.gov.uk

**Wards affected:**  
All

Director Approval: Director Sam Scharf confirms that the report author has sought the advice of all appropriate colleagues and given due regard to that advice; that the equalities impacts and other implications of the recommended decisions have been assessed and accurately presented in the report; and that they are content for the report to be put to the Executive Councillor for decision.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
1.1	<p>It is recommended that the Executive Councillor:</p> <p>Agree to continue to complete an automatic fare review in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for main tariffs, subsequent distance and waiting time, and review this process and extra charges every 3 years, at the Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee, following consultation.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Purpose and reason for the report</b>
2.1	<p>In March 2022, the Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee agreed that the Hackney Carriage Table of Fares would increase by the CPI each year on the 1<sup>st</sup> April for a period of 3 years. This report asks that the decision be extended for a further 3 years.</p>

<b>3.</b>	<b>Alternative options considered</b>
3.1	A 4 week consultation has been carried out and there has been no viable alternative that has been put forward that would be a better option than the current way of amending the Table of Fares.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Background and key issues</b>
4.1	Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 provides that in respect of the charges for Hackney Carriages, the Council “may fix the rates or fares within the district as well for time as distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a vehicle...by means of a table”.
4.2	The existing Table of Fares came into effect on the 1st April 2024 and is attached to this report as Appendix A.
4.3	<p>Fares comprise of charges for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distance Travelled – 3 tariffs, dependent on the time of day and the day of the week;</li> <li>• Waiting Time;</li> <li>• Extra Charges, which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Journeys with 5 or more passengers</li> <li>o Bicycles not able to put in the luggage compartment</li> <li>o A potential fuel surcharge</li> <li>o A vehicle unfit to continue working charge;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4.4	In January 2019, Executive Councillor agreed for consultations to take place in early March each year with the adaptation of fares coming into effect on 1st April. The methodology agreed was that the Table of Fare Tariffs could be automatically increased in line with the Consumer Price Index in March each year.
4.5	In March 2022, Executive Councillor agreed for this process to carry on for a further 3 years, when it would be reviewed again.
4.6	A public consultation was held from 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 to 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2024. The results of the consultation are attached to the report as Appendix B.
4.7	44 responses were received in total and 31 of those believed that the Table of Fares should continue to increase each April in line with the CPI.
4.8	A second question asked whether any changes should be made to the amounts of the

	extra charges as detailed in 4.3, 30 of the 44 responses said that no changes should be made to these amounts.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Consultation, engagement and communication</b>
5.1	A public consultation took place from 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 to 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2024 on the Cambridge City Council website. 44 people responded to the consultation and the results of the consultation can be found in Appendix B.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Anticipated outcomes, benefits or impact</b>
6.1	By approving the methodology for a further 3 years, it provides clarity to the trade and the licensing authority of how the fares will increase each year.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Implications</b>
7.1	<b>Relevant risks</b>
	None
	<b>Financial Implications</b>
7.2	None
	<b>Legal Implications</b>
7.3	None
	<b>Equalities and socio-economic Implications</b>
8.4	An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed as Appendix C
	<b>Net Zero Carbon, Climate Change and Environmental implications</b>

7.5	None
	<b>Procurement Implications</b>
7.6	None
	<b>Community Safety Implications</b>
7.7	None
<b>8.</b>	<b>Background documents</b> Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
8.1	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
<b>9.</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
9.1	Appendix A – Current Hackney Carriage Table of Fares Appendix B – Summary of consultation responses Appendix C – EqiA
	To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact Yvonne O'Donnell, Environmental Health Manager, tel: 01223 457951, email: yvonne.odonnell@cambridge.gov.uk



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## Cambridge City Hackney Carriage

### Maximum rate of charges from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024

Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976

- Fares are calculated on a combination of distance and time or parts thereof.
- The meter must only be switched on when the passengers are safely in the vehicle and the journey is about to commence.
- All journeys taken in Hackney Carriages within the Cambridge City Boundary must be charged on the meter. This is the maximum legal fare

Tariff 1: Between 07:00 – 19:00 hours

**£3.80**

Tariff 2: Between 19:00 - 07:00

And Sundays and Bank Holidays

**£5.00**

Tariff 3: 19:00 Christmas Eve – 07:00 Boxing Day

19:00 New Year's Eve – 07:00 New Year's Day

**£6.20**

**Each tariff includes initial distance of 98.42 yards (90 metres) or part thereof**

For Each subsequent 150 yards (137.16 metres) or part thereof

**20p**

HIRING CHARGES – WAITING TIME AS INDICATED BELOW – will be charged when the vehicle is motionless or when it is travelling below the changeover speed of 16.79 km/p/h

**20p**

For each period or part thereof 30 seconds

#### EXTRA CHARGES

1. For each journey with 5 or more passengers

**£3.50**

2. Bicycles not able to be put in the luggage compartment of the vehicle

**£1.50**

3. Vehicle unfit to continue working

**£100.00**

4. Fuel Surcharge; (only applicable if the national retail price of diesel, as published by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, has exceeded 179.9p per litre since 1 April 2022)

**£0.40**

\*\*There will be a separate notice in this vehicle if this extra charge is payable."

#### Exclusions: the Taxicard scheme

Any fare calculated in accordance with the Table of Fares may be subject to any concession scheme approved by the council provided the driver of this vehicle is a participant in such a scheme and the passenger has provided any necessary proof of entitlement to the benefit of such a scheme to the satisfaction of the driver

Complaints about the vehicle or driver should be made to:

Yvonne O'Donnell – Environmental Health Manager

PO Box 700

Cambridge, CB1 0JH

01223 457888



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#### EXTRA CHARGES

1. For each journey with 5 or more passengers

**£3.50**

2. Bicycles not able to be put in the luggage compartment of the vehicle

**£1.50**

3. Vehicle unfit to continue working

**£100.00**

4. Fuel Surcharge; (only applicable if the national retail price of diesel, as published by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, has exceeded 179.9p per litre since 1 April 2022)

**£0.40**

\*\*There will be a separate notice in this vehicle if this extra charge is payable."

#### Exclusions: the Taxicard scheme

Any fare calculated in accordance with the Table of Fares may be subject to any concession scheme approved by the council provided the driver of this vehicle is a participant in such a scheme and the passenger has provided any necessary proof of entitlement to the benefit of such a scheme to the satisfaction of the driver

Complaints about the vehicle or driver should be made to:

Yvonne O'Donnell – Environmental Health Manager

PO Box 700

Cambridge, CB1 0JH

01223 457888



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Public consultation on how HCV Fares should increase

**Are you happy for the Hackney Carriage Tables of Fares to continue to increase each April in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI)?**

Yes – 31 (70.5%)

No – 13 (29.5%)

Reasoning from those that answered Yes:

- It's fair to the drivers
- Yes all good
- Happy with any measure which keeps the price of services comparable to the cost of provision.
- I don't have to explain
- It is a reasonable annual review mechanism.
- parity
- Is fair
- That's ok.
- .
- Minimum wage goes up from April
- Inflation going up
- Living cost in Cambridge is high and every year in April prices of everything goes high. It is normal for taxi fares to go higher too.
- Everything rising
- keeps the fares in line with inflation
- Taxi fares need to reflect the general cost of living
- It is only fair that cabs can earn a decent pay rate
- Pegging annual growth increases to CPI is straightforward and provides clarity and stability for planning.
- seems reasonable to go up with inflation
- seems fair
- All other increments are applied then
- Taxi drivers need to earn a decent income too
- at least, CPI is fairer than RPI
- no comment
- It is fair for the taxis
- Taxi drivers need to make a living
- Taxi drivers face the same cost-of-living increases as everyone else.
- The drivers have to make a living

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- Sensible to allow prices to grow with inflation
- Cost of living is far higher than ever before so we cab drivers need to make a living
- We have no evidence to suggest this should change.
- Drivers deserved to be paid.

Reasoning from those that answered No:

- The rest of us don't get inflation payraises so all this does is make getting taxis unaffordable.
- They are very expensive already.
- Already far too expensive compared to other cities
- Can't afford as a pensioner
- Already more expensive than London
- Their are too many taxis and I also think we should include : "The knowledge", and be able to speak good english.
- The present chrges seem to be much on the high side.
- I don't think anyone outside the public sector has ever had a CPI linked pay increase, usually lower. Why should those paying pay more for taxis.
- Taxi fares are too high now
- It's just a cover for higher than needed price rises
- Pegging prices to CPI increases correlation between disparate costs, contributing to a feedback loop that keeps rising prices.
- Taxi are already expensive
- Think its tiem to moev away from this and have option to be more competitive

**Would you make any changes to the extra charges currently in place?**

No – 30 (68.2%)

Yes – 14 (31.8%)

Reasoning from those that answered No:

- No reason to change them
- None
- I don't have to explain
- If it works do not fix it,
- It's fine
- No need to make changes.
- .
- Works at it is

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- Because of market conditions are not good
- No changes required on extra cost at this time.
- Not necessarily needed
- cannot see any reason to change
- Theya re tried and tested and seem reasonable
- The current system is fair and does not have any obvious flaws
- na
- x
- Can't afford as a pensioner
- WHY
- Unnecessary
- Too expensive
- I just want the to be held down for a year
- no comment
- it is okay for now
- Too expensive
- I'm not entirely sure what the extra charges are but as someone who uses taxis maybe 1/2 times a month during the day and late evening, I haven't really noted any exonerous extras.
- See nothing wrong with current extra charges
- Unfamiliar with additional charges
- Fine as they are
- N/A
- I don't know want they are

### Reasoning from those that answered Yes:

- Predict and price journey estimate at start.
- What extra charges are you referring to?
- parity
- With the yearly increase, certain costs shouldn't be extended or could be reviewed to provide better value for money.
- They should rise in line with inflation
- Reduce them as - see above
- Make it free for disabled if the distance was less than three miles. Reduce the fare to 50% within eight miles of the city centre for disabled.
- it's getting too expensive to take a taxi
- Comparisons should be made to fuel and other car ownership costs since the last change and then decide if fare should not just go up, but possibly go down!
- Inflation based rises

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- I'd increase flag fall before 7PM and decrease it after, particularly in winter.
- "Abolish or reduce the ""5 or more passengers travelling in the vehicle"" charge in order to encourage more efficient and ecological use of vehicles.
- ""Waiting time"" should not apply to time taken to board as this potentially discriminates against passengers with disabilities who will take longer to board."
- Make a living of course
- Reduce them

### **Are there other methods which could be used to amend the Hackney Carriage Tables of Fares each April?**

- Don't know
- Council could charge Less for their services for their plate etc
- Any other fair measure which encourages competitiveness and efficiency from hackney carriage.
- In line with average pay rises, give them money off their fuel duty
- Doubtless
- I do not know
- ? strange question
- Inflation is best
- No.
- Why increase them automatically every April? Increase them as and when appropriate.
- .
- I don't think
- Yes
- The fairest is to use the Consumer Price index.
- Can keep same fare but shorter the distance prices in meter
- no
- Don't know
- no
- Not in my opinion
- don't know
- don't know
- no
- Don't know
- Providing this is a fair way of assessing the increase
- No
- comparing with wage increase as well

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- Make it compulsory to know local roads and the area of Cambridge. Plus the taxi drivers able to speak good english
- Not that I can think of.
- no
- yes
- not that I am aware of
- See above as Yes
- Lower them
- Dunno - maybe you could link them to the cost of petrol and of running a car.
- No more than inflation
- Fuel-cost related fares
- Can't think of any.
- have them linked to CPI
- Unsure
- No
- Don't know
- Trade simply tables proposals to members via reps of recognised and constituted trade organisations by certain date each year for members to deliberate on.
- N/A
- No

### **Do you have any other comments regarding the increase of taxi fares each April?**

22 responses:

- No
- No they need to live too
- An annual increase is better than an increase at times when the increase will be well ahead of inflation.
- No
- They shouldn't automatically increase in April. This simply fuels inflation. It also turns people to private transport.
- No
- No
- No
- no
- no
- The best is not having an increase of fee for pensioners, but some government subsidies to compensate the taxi drivers for that.
- No

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- No
- I think the abridge taxi driver earning more than five hundred pounds weekly and far too many taxis on the roads, if the taxis should give a percentage to the city council to help with maintaining the city. As the colleges should as well. But that's for another survey!?!
- No
- prices should have gotten cheaper when petrol was extremely cheap during pandemic. but the prices only ever go up
- Rip off
- Would have liked more information about different options
- No
- Beware of increasing prices above other ride service, as would lead to increase in less regulated drivers
- It's not enough, it should be more
- No

## Summary

**44 responses were received. 31 responses stated that the fares should continue to rise each April in line with the CPI. 30 responses stated that they did not want to make any changes to the extra charges. When asked if there was any alternative methodology that could be used to increase fares, the responses provided did not provide a viable option.**



## Cambridge City Council Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)

This tool helps the Council ensure that we fulfil legal obligations of the [Public Sector Equality Duty](#) to have due regard to the need to –

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Guidance on how to complete this tool can be found on the Cambridge City Council intranet. For specific questions on the tool email Helen Crowther Equality and Anti-Poverty Officer at [equalities@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:equalities@cambridge.gov.uk) or phone 01223 457046.

Once you have drafted the EqIA please send this to [equalities@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:equalities@cambridge.gov.uk) for checking.

**1. Title of strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service**  
Hackney Carriage Table of Fares

**2. Webpage link to full details of the strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service (if available)**

**3. What is the objective or purpose of your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service?**

Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 provides that in respect of the charges for Hackney Carriages, the Council “may fix the rates or fares within the district as well for time as distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a vehicle...by means of a table”.

The policy is to agree to continue to complete an automatic fare review in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for main tariffs, subsequent distance and waiting time, and review this process and extra charges every 3 years, at the Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee, following consultation.

The table of fares is the cost of passengers taking a Hackney Carriage vehicles within the Coty, it is the fare that will be displayed on the meter in the vehicle

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<b>4. Responsible Team and Group</b>
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Commercial and Licensing Team, Communities
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<b>5. Who will be affected by this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service?</b> <b>(Please tick all that apply)</b>
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|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residents<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitors<br><input type="checkbox"/> Staff |
|---|

Please state any specific client group or groups (e.g. City Council tenants, tourists, people who work in the city but do not live here):
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<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>
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<b>6. What type of strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service is this?</b>
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- |   |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New<br><input type="checkbox"/> Major change<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor change |
|---|

<b>7. Are other departments or partners involved in delivering this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service? (Please tick)</b>
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- |  |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
|--|

N/A
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<b>8. Has the report on your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service gone to Committee? If so, which one?</b>
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Is going to Licensing Committee on 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
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**9. What research methods/ evidence have you used in order to identify equality impacts of your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service?**

A public consultation took place from 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 on the Cambridge City Council website. 44 people responded to the consultation.

The impact the table of fares have is in relation to people on low income who may need to use a taxi to travel.

The following evidence has been used to demonstrate that disabled people are likely to be on a lower income who may need to use a taxi to travel around, including shopping, hospital appointments

[Disability Price Tag 2024](#) | [Disability charity Scope UK](#)

The research in the next link demonstrates that with the cost of living poverty has increased, with children having consistently had the highest poverty rates whilst pensioners along with working age adults without children have the lowest .

Groups of people who face particularly high level of poverty are the following :

Larger families

Many minority ethnic groups

Disabled people

Informal carers

Families not in work

People living in rented accommodation

Families claiming income-related benefits

[UK Poverty 2024: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK](#) | [Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#)

[Single parents facts and figures](#) | [Gingerbread](#)

**10. Potential impacts**

For each category below, please explain if the strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service could have a positive/ negative impact or no impact. Where an impact has been identified, please explain what it is. Consider impacts on service users, visitors and staff members separately.

**(a) Age - Please also consider any safeguarding issues for children and adults at risk**

Children and large families are likely to be negatively impacted by the table of fares due to cost of living and high levels of poverty .

However, there would be no impact on school age children who require a taxi to get to school as this is paid by the County Council

**(b) Disability**

In 2021/22 31% of disabled people were in poverty. Higher poverty rates for disabled people are partly due to additional costs associated with disability and ill health and partly due to the barriers to work they face.

Disabled people are more likely to need to use taxis to get around and therefore are negatively affected by the rise in fares for taxis.

Mitigation for this is the Council taxicard scheme which issue taxi vouchers for £160 per year to spend on taxi journeys if you are disabled and on benefits. Dial a ride is supported by Cambridge City Council , which is a non profit organisation which provides local transport services via a Membership Scheme that are safe affordable, and accessible to community groups and to individuals who have difficulty in accessing public transport

**(c) Gender reassignment**

We do not believe that the assessment will have an impact on this target group. The assessment has been open to a public consultation and no responses have been received in regards to the assessment impacting on gender.

The Licensing Authority will have regard to equality and will expect an applicant to meet their statutory obligations in this area and not unlawfully discriminate or refuse service on grounds of gender.

**(d) Marriage and civil partnership**

We do not believe that the assessment will impact negatively on this target group. The assessment has been open to a public consultation and no responses have been received in regards to the assessment impacting on marriage or civil partnership.

**(e) Pregnancy and maternity**

We do not believe that the assessment will impact negatively on this target group. The assessment has been open to a public consultation and no responses have been received in regards to the assessment impacting on pregnancy or maternity.

**(f) Race – Note that the protected characteristic ‘race’ refers to a group of people defined by their race, colour, and nationality (including citizenship) ethnic or national origins.**

Around half of people in Pakistani (51%) and Bangladeshi households (53%) and around 4 in 10 people in households headed by someone from an Asian background other than Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi or Chinese (39%) or households from Black African backgrounds (42%) were in poverty between 2019/20 and 2021/22. These households also have higher rates of child poverty, very deep poverty and persistent poverty.

This policy could have a negative impact on this group if they needed to use a taxi

**(g) Religion or belief**

We do not believe that the policy will impact negatively on this target group. The policy has been open to a public consultation and no responses have been received in regards to the policy impacting on religion.

**(h) Sex**

We do not believe that the assessment will impact negatively on this target group. The assessment has been open to a public consultation and no responses have been received in regards to the assessment impacting on gender.

**(i) Sexual orientation**

We do not believe that the assessment will impact negatively on this target group. The assessment has been open to a public consultation and no responses have been received in regards to the assessment impacting on sexual orientation.

**(j) Other factors that may lead to inequality – in particular, please consider the impact of any changes on:**

- Low-income groups or those experiencing the impacts of poverty.
- People of any age with care experience – this refers to individuals who spent part of their childhood in the care system due to situations beyond their control, primarily arising from abuse and neglect within their families. The term “Care experience” is a description of a definition in law, it includes anyone that had the state as its corporate parent by virtue of a care order in accordance with the Children Act 1989 and amendments.
- Groups who have more than one protected characteristic that taken together create overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage. (Here you are being asked to consider intersectionality, and for more information see: [https://media.ed.ac.uk/media/1\\_159kt25q](https://media.ed.ac.uk/media/1_159kt25q)).

- Informal carers – 28% of people with caring responsibilities were in poverty in 2021/22. Informal carers face a financial penalty, because of their limited ability to work, with unpaid social-care givers experiencing an average pay penalty of nearly £5,000 a year.

There will be a positive impact on taxi drivers as this will increase their income .

**11. Action plan – New equality impacts will be identified in different stages throughout the planning and implementation stages of changes to your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service. How will you monitor these going forward? Also, how will you ensure that any potential negative impacts of the changes will be mitigated? (Please include dates where possible for when you will update this EqlA accordingly.)**

This methodology will be kept under review and will remain in existence for a period of up to 3 years. It will be subject to review and further consultation before January 2028 or as required by changes with other policies.

**12. Do you have any additional comments?**

None

**13. Sign off**

Name and job title of lead officer for this equality impact assessment: Yvonne O'Donnell, Environmental Health Manager

Names and job titles of other assessment team members and people consulted: Helen Crowther Equalities and anti-poverty Officer

Date of EqlA sign off: 27th December 2024

Date of next review of the equalities impact assessment: January 2028

Date to be published on Cambridge City Council website: January 2025

**All EqlAs need to be sent to the Equality and Anti-Poverty Officer at [equalities@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:equalities@cambridge.gov.uk)**





## Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) budget

**To:**

Executive Councillor Rosy Moore

Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee

**Report by:**

Dee Wood , Waste Policy Officer

Tel: 01954 713641 Email: dee.wood@scams.gov.uk

**Wards affected:**

All

1.	<b>Recommendations</b>
1.1	It is recommended that Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee notes the additional MRF contract costs and options being pursued from March 2025 when the existing contract ends. Costs have already been accounted for in the MTFS.
2.	<b>Purpose and reason for the report</b>
2.1	This report provides an update on the financial impact of the joint procurement exercise undertaken by the RECAP partnership consisting of five Cambridgeshire Waste Collection Authorities and new contract options from March 2025.
2.2	<b><i>NOT FOR PUBLICATION: the appendix relates to an item during which the public is likely to be excluded from the meeting by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it contains commercially sensitive information. The public interest test has been applied to the information contained within this exempt annex and it is considered that the need to retain the information as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.</i></b>
3.	<b>Alternative options considered</b>

3.1	<p>Options being explored for a local bulking facility from March 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Enter a new contract with Thalia for using their existing shed as a Waste Transfer Station (not the MRF) – the shed will need significant capital investment to enable them to operate safely, e.g. fire suppression etc. The remedial works to the shed are estimated to cost Thalia about £1M.</li> <li>B. Enter a contract with another transfer station in the Service area. The only suitable facility identified to date is located at Haverhill – more than fifteen sites have been explored over the past nine months. Haverhill is quite a distance south of our district and would require a collection round reconfiguration as well as several additional vehicles (approximately eight) and subsequently costs to cover the extra distance travelled by the recycling crews. Costs would be circa £2M/year taking account of hiring vehicles, additional staff / operations crew resources, travel time and the gate fee (charge per tonne for taking material to the MRF.)</li> <li>C. Build our own transfer station. This option has been explored in some detail over the last six months and potential sites in the vicinity of the Waterbeach Depot have been identified – this option hasn't been outright discarded but it would require a large capital investment (circa. £3m - £5m), plus ongoing revenue / operational costs, and we don't have sufficient time to get this in place for the start of March 2025.</li> </ul> <p>The preferred option that is being actively pursued is Option A, as this is the most economically advantageous option and the only practical option that can be fully developed by the deadline of March 2025, when the current MRF contract extension (with Thalia) terminates.</p> <p><b>Appendix A</b> highlights the additional steps required to enter into new bulking and processing contracts. These are partly responsible for cost increases alongside changes to the market value of materials and higher specifications for material capture and recovery.</p>
4.	<p><b>Background and key issues</b></p>
4.1	<p>In June 24 an Executive Cllrs RoD was sought and approved for a budget of threshold (see Appendix B) for the new Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) and Bulking Station contracts for dry recyclables materials collected by the Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service (GCSWS).</p> <p>This report provides an update on the joint procurement exercise undertaken by the RECAP partnership consisting of five Cambridgeshire Waste Collection Authorities (WCA), the Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) and Peterborough City Council (PCC).</p> <p>The proposed arrangements (to come into effect in March 2025) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a new contract for a bulking / transfer station at Waterbeach – contract with Thalia Ltd (to be concluded)</li> <li>• entering a new contract with Re-Gen Ltd for use of their MRF (materials sorting and processing).</li> </ul> <p>The new contracts will result in an estimated total cost within the pre agreed threshold</p>

	<p>This represents a significant uplift in the current costs the service is paying for materials sorting and processing. The estimated overall impact of the new MRF arrangements on the Service's budget is estimated at £2,238,000 for the financial year 2025/26, with the breakdown to each Council being:</p> <p>SCDC - £1,253,000; CCC - £985,000</p> <p>Cost increases are unavoidable and largely due to changes to the market value of materials and higher specifications for material capture and recovery.</p> <p>The budget pressure has been taken into account in the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).</p> <p>The Service is taking several steps to mitigate this budget pressure including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increased revenues from the commercial waste business.</li> <li>• ongoing transformation programme to improve efficiency of services delivery and achieve savings.</li> <li>• In December '24 authorities received notification of the magnitude of their first Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) funding from government. The funding is a regulatory mechanism that requires producers to pay for the environmental management of their products and packaging. EPR was introduced to shift the financial responsibility for waste management from taxpayers to the producers of the packaging. The money goes to local authorities to fund waste collection, disposal and other services.</li> <li>• The new MRF (Re-Gen Ltd) is quite modern and up to date, thus achieves high levels of materials recovery which will enhance the Councils' ability to maximize income from the value of the materials and EPR.</li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Corporate plan</b>
5.1	<p><a href="#">Corporate plan 2022-27: our priorities for Cambridge - Cambridge City Council</a></p> <p>This budget expenditure related to the cost of running a high standard recycling service and associated duty for responsible handling of the waste. This in turn meets the vision of Leading Cambridge's response to the climate and biodiversity emergencies and creating a net zero council by 2030.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Consultation, engagement and communication</b>
6.1	<p>As previously stated, the threshold for an increase in budget has already been brought to the executive Cllr in June 2024 to ensure inclusion in the MTFS.</p>

<b>7.</b>	<b>Anticipated outcomes, benefits or impact</b>
7.1	The increase in budget for the service reflects the necessary and realistic cost of ensuring Cambridge City Council's recycling is handled and processed to a high standard and quality.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Implications</b>
8.1	<b>Relevant risks</b>
	The main risk is affordability, but anticipated costs do remain within the previously agreed threshold
	<b>Financial Implications</b>
8.2	<p>The overall impact on the budget is estimated at £2,238,000 with the current allocation being approx. 56%:44% (SCDC: CCC) based on property numbers and cost share ratio.</p> <p>Therefore, the breakdown for each Council would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCDC - £1,253,000</li> <li>• CCC - £985,000</li> </ul> <p><b>Appendix B</b> provides more details and the cost comparisons between the old and new contract</p> <p>We will continue to use our best endeavours to mitigate this significant cost increase. Some of the measures that we intend to actively pursue include additional income from the Commercial Waste Business which is currently undergoing a business transformation programme.</p> <p>There will be future opportunities to generate additional revenues from Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).</p>
	<b>Legal Implications</b>
8.3	None
	<b>Equalities and socio-economic Implications</b>
8.4	None
	<b>Net Zero Carbon, Climate Change and Environmental implications</b>
8.5	None

	<b>Procurement Implications</b>
8.6	<p>The previous contract with Thalia resulted in a profitable venture for all RECAP WCAs, however the materials processing industry has changed significantly since the contract was secured. MRF Contractors will now be required to meet much higher specifications for materials capture and recovery as the Government introduces more stringent measures for Deposit Return Schemes (DRS) and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). Thalia has made it very clear to its customers that the facility will very shortly require major upgrade and retrofit works.</p> <p>The second procurement exercise resulted in two potential suppliers for materials re-processing: Re-gen and Biffa. GCSWS will be signing a contract with Re-gen in March 2025, once a suitable bulking facility has been developed (see para 24 below).</p> <p>There were no suitable suppliers identified for materials bulking. Only one bid was received from a supplier based in East Cambridgeshire with insufficient capacity to fulfil contract requirements, and a geographical location which would make the GCSWS waste collection rounds unserviceable.</p> <p>GCSWS entered a temporary arrangement with Thalia for using their current facilities i.e. sorting and processing, but this will terminate at the beginning of March 2025. The cost of doing this is significantly higher than the previous contract. (see reference in appendix B) It should be noted that this temporary solution was still significantly cheaper than using an existing transfer station at Haverhill (Option A – para 24 below), the only facility that had the capacity to cater for all our mixed dry recyclables waste in one location.</p> <p>This solution would have required paying the following:</p> <p>a) the waste transfer station gate fee (charge per tonne for taking materials to the MRF) plus, b) the costs of deploying up to eight additional refuse collection vehicles to enable the completion of collection rounds using a tipping location so far from Waterbeach, plus c) the MRF gate fee for materials processing i.e. the contract costs to the new procured operator of the MRF (Re-gen.)</p> <p>This still leaves us with a significant challenge when the current arrangement with Thalia expires in March 2025, i.e. urgent need to develop a new local bulking facility.</p>
	<b>Community Safety Implications</b>
8.7	None
	<b>None</b>
8.8	<i>Summarise here any implications related to this item, using the <u>checklist attached</u> as guidance and seek input from relevant service.</i>

<b>9.</b>	<b>Background documents</b> Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
9.1	<i>List any documents and other information used to write this report. DO NOT include exempt items. Be specific as anything you list here must be available for public inspection for several years after the committee meeting.</i>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
10.1	<b>Appendix A:</b> Dry recyclables material movement  <b>Appendix B Confidential :</b> Supporting information for financial implications and Contract cost comparisons
	To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact  Dee Wood, Waste Policy Officer or Rebecca Weymouth-Wood Waste Policy Manager Tel: 01954 713641 Email: <a href="mailto:dee.wood@scambs.gov.uk">dee.wood@scambs.gov.uk</a> . Rebecca.weymouth-wood@scambs.gov.uk

## Appendix A: Dry recyclables material movement

### Dry recyclables materials movement: Kerbside to MRF

GCSWS arrangement up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 – RECAP Contact with Thalia Ltd, at Waterbeach.



Reception Area



Materials sorting



Material bales to market

**Materials Recycling Facility (MRF)**



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Additional step (bulking / transfer station) to be implemented by March 2025, to enter into new MRF RECAP Contract with ReGen Ltd



Materials Bulking Bays



Bulking / Transfer Station



Haulage to MRF



**New  
MRF**

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## COMMUNITY GRANTS 2025-26

**To:**

Councillor Rachel Wade, Executive Councillor for Communities,  
Community & Environment Scrutiny Committee, 16/01/2025

**Report by:**

Julie Cornwell, Community Funding and Voluntary Sector Manager  
Tel: 01223 - 457855 Email: [julie.cornwell@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:julie.cornwell@cambridge.gov.uk)

**Wards affected:** all

Key Decision

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This is the annual report for the Community Grants fund for voluntary, community, and not for profit organisations. It provides an overview of the process, eligibility criteria and budget. Appendices 1 and 2 detail the applications received with recommendations for 2025/26 awards.
- 1.2 The report also provides an update on the work of the Grants team carried out to date in 2024/25 and plans for 2026/27.

### 2. Recommendations

The Executive Councillor is recommended to:

- 2.1 Approve the Community Grants to voluntary and community organisations for 2025/26, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report, subject to the budget approval in February 2025 and any further satisfactory information required of applicant organisations.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Community Grant Scheme was reviewed in 2024, with the following changes approved by this Committee in June 2024 for implementation from 2025/26:
- i. The introduction of a twice-yearly Small Community Grants scheme replacing the previous Small Community Grants scheme and Area Committee Grants scheme, for applications with a value of £5,000 or less.
  - ii. The continuation of the annual Main Community Grants scheme, for applications with a value over £5,000.
  - iii. The introduction of multi-year funding agreements for specific provision within the City.
- 3.2 All applications must demonstrate how the funding will reduce social and/or economic inequality, by removing barriers for City residents with the highest need.
- 3.3 The strategic outcomes for the entire Community Funding Programme are:
- Improved health and wellbeing
  - Communities come together and bring about change
  - More people have better opportunities to gain employment
  - Stronger voluntary sector in the City

### **4. Annual Community Grants with a value over £5,000**

- 4.1 For 2025/26, the grant scheme priorities are:
- Sporting activities
  - Arts and cultural activities
  - Community development activities
  - Reducing poverty activities
  - Employment support
- 4.2 The 2025/26 Community Grants scheme opened on 1 August 2024 for applications and closed on 18 September 2024. Promotion and publicity of the grant fund included a press release, newsletter articles, emails, posters in areas of the City with the highest levels of deprivation and targeted conversations.

- 4.3 This year we have been able to monitor how information about the Community Grants scheme has been accessed. The Community Grants webpage was viewed 664 times by 375 users between 1 August and 18 September 2024 (the application window). This includes 18 views that were tracked from the physical posters advertising the grants scheme, that were displayed in key locations in the City, following the introduction of a trackable URL. Further posters have just been distributed regarding the £5,000 and under grants scheme, so we expect that number to rise significantly. On that basis, we will continue to invest in a blend of digital promotion and traditional methods, including posters.
- 4.4 A range of activities were undertaken to support organisations to understand the funding criteria and requirements needed for a successful application, including:
- in person 1:1 group advice sessions held jointly with CCVS
  - attending organisation's committee meetings, one-to-one meetings
  - a webinar held jointly with CCVS (29 registered attendees and a further 42 views of the recording)
  - application Guide and Help Notes detailing the priorities, outcomes and eligibility criteria and giving guidance on requirements, question by question
  - funding templates and signposting to other funding providers
- 4.5 All applications were assessed against the same assessment matrix developed around the priorities and outcomes used in previous years, ensuring a consistent approach. These assessments were then moderated by strategy officer meetings informing the award recommendations detailed in Appendix 1 and 2. The Executive Councillor attended a further meeting with officers to review the recommendations.
- 4.6 We received 70 applications for funding with a value of £5,000 or over, 27 of which were for Discretionary Rate Relief (DRR). Comparing like for like, for the 24/25 funding year we received 68 applications, 25 of which were for DRR.
- 4.7 Where no (or reduced) funding is proposed, it will be due to one or more of the following reasons:
- the organisation was ineligible
  - there were concerns about group governance and/or financial diligence
  - there were concerns about the overall quality or viability of the project

- there was poor alignment with the grant scheme priorities and/or outcomes
- identification of need for the activity was not sufficiently evidenced
- there was insufficient evidence about how City residents in greatest need would be targeted to benefit from Council funds
- the proposals were the remit of another service or organisation such as the County Council, Health, Housing etc
- the organisation had high reserves and did not explain why those reserves could not be used to fund the activity
- the group did not explain how they would measure impact and/or the intended impact was unclear

4.8 Those applicants where no award is recommended, will receive feedback and signposting to alternative funding and support.

4.9 Grant awards will be made as deeds or signed underhand (i.e. signed by the recipient and the Community Funding and Voluntary Sector Manager) where appropriate by delegated authority to the Director. This gives the Council the ability to execute grants as deeds where it is felt proportionate to the risk or where particular thresholds were met – such as over a certain financial value. It also allows the majority of grants which are lower risk and of lower value, to be signed underhand.

## **5. £5,000 and under Community Grants**

5.1 For 2025/26 the grant scheme priorities are:

- Helping people be more active
- Improving access to arts and culture
- Bringing communities together
- Reducing poverty
- Reducing loneliness and social isolation

5.2 There are two funding rounds, to encourage smaller and newer groups who are less able to plan so far in advance to apply for funding when it better suits them. The first funding round opened on 26 November 2024 and closed on 14 January 2025. The second funding round opens on 23 April 2025 and closes on 3 June 2025.

5.3 Although officers have delegated authority to approve grants under £5k, the approval of awards will be in discussion with the Exec Councillor for Communities. Ward councillors will be informed of the funding awards for both grant rounds and general reasons for any decisions not to fund.

## **6. Multi-year Community Grants**

6.1 Groups offered three-year, core funding<sup>1</sup> for the period 2025/6 to 2027/28 are groups providing:

- Independent advice and advocacy (including welfare, housing, debt advice)
- Infrastructure support to the voluntary and community sector

The three groups are Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service (CCVS), Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum (CECF) and Cambridge and District Citizens Advice Bureau CCAB).

6.2 We are developing a set of agreed outcomes together, taking a co-production approach as far as possible, beginning with a facilitated workshop with each group to work up a theory of change<sup>2</sup> (where one didn't already exist) and agree a workplan for the funding period.

6.3 Regular partnership meetings are set for 25/26 to ensure we work collaboratively to maximise the impact of the Councils funding. The meetings will be timed to enable the Council to exercise due diligence prior to releasing the next instalment.

## **7. 2025/26 Community Grants Funding Position**

7.1 There is a total budget of £1,134,113 available for Community Grants for 2025/26, subject to approval of the Council's budget in February 2025. This can be broken down as follows:

- £528,000 for Community Grants with a value over £5,000
- £100,000 for Community Grants with a value of £5,000 or less
- £466,113 for multi-year Community Grants
- £40,000 for Discretionary Rate Relief

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<sup>1</sup> Core funding means funding that the organisation can use the funding to best meet the organisations charitable aims. There would still be an expectation that the award was shown separately in the organisation accounts and that the agreed outcomes must be met.

<sup>2</sup> A Theory of Change is a description and illustration of how and why a desired change is expected to happen. The long-term goals are identified first, working backwards to identify all the outcomes that must be in place for the goals to occur. From that, activities and interventions can be identified which will achieve the long-term goal.

- 7.2 As agreed in June 2024 an inflationary increase<sup>3</sup> has been applied to the part of the budget ring fenced for the multi-year Community Grants.
- 7.3 For Community Grants with a value of over £5,000, we received funding requests totalling £1,111,893 against the available budget of £528,000. This illustrates that the demand for Community Grant funding remains very high and not all applications can be successful or funded at the level requested.
- 7.4 If the recommended awards set out in Appendix 1 and 2 are approved, the budget for Community Grants with a value over £5,000 will show an overspend of £10,000, but this is offset by an underspend of £13,000 for DRR. We anticipate the remaining £3,000 to be fully allocated on DRR once the outstanding information has been received.
- 7.5 It is not yet possible to provide a summary of the funding allocation for the first round of Community Grants with a value of £5,000 or less, as the Grants team is still assessing applications. We anticipate that we will award approximately £70,000 of the £100,000 budget in Round 1 as we expect the majority of applications to be received in the first round.
- 7.6 A small events budget has been utilised for appropriate activities enabling the Community Grant fund to cover more projects or for an increased amount. Other budgets have also been utilised where possible to maximize the value of the 2025/26 Community Grants fund. This is highlighted in Appendix 1.
- 7.7 The Grants team was also able to identify one activity which could start in 2024/25. That activity will be funded through an underspend in the 2024/25 Community Grant budget, further alleviating the pressure on the 2025/26 Community Grants budget. This activity is highlighted in Appendix 1.
- 7.8 **Discretionary Rate Relief (DRR)** applications that meet the funding priorities, outcomes and eligibility criteria are also funded by the Community Grants budget. Applications for 25/26 are set out in Appendix 2. The Community Grants budget makes a 40% contribution of any DRR award made under the Business Rate Retention Scheme.

For 2024/25, the Council was able to apply 75% 'retail rate relief' (set by central government) to some eligible organisations, prior to applying the DRR calculation, thus reducing the impact of DRR awards on the

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<sup>3</sup> CPI rate of 1.7% set Sept 2024.



Community Grants budget. For 2025/26 this has reduced to 40%, thus increasing pressure on the Community Grants budget.

Other factors also influence the cost of the Discretionary Rate Relief element of business rates are:

- i) The multiplier for small and large businesses (for every £1 of rateable value, a ratepayer is required to pay an amount set by central government. For 24/25 it was 54.6p or £49.9p depending on the size of the business, before any relief was taken into account, but this is not set for 25/26).
- ii) Transitional Relief (this limits how much a bill can change each year as a result of business rates revaluation), with changes phased gradually.

The implications of these factors are often not known until into the financial year, therefore making it difficult to predict the exact amount of funding that should be set aside from the grants budget to meet the costs of awarding DRR. However, any underspend from the £40,000 set aside for 25/26 for DRR will be identified as early as possible and the funds reallocated in year to other activities that meet the grant funding criteria.

## **8. Update for 2024/25**

- 8.1 **United with Ukraine Community Grants Scheme** – Following receipt of central government funding starting in 2022, a £500,000 fund for community groups supporting refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine was launched.
- 8.2 The scheme is open 10 months of the year on a rolling basis, enabling groups to apply when it suits them. This approach can be taken as the funding can be spent across a number of financial years and is therefore not restricted by the Councils accounting rules in the way General Fund grants are.
- 8.3 The United with Ukraine grant scheme has 3 Tiers. Community groups or small groups of residents can apply for a grant of up to £2,000 (Tier 1), while constituted not-for-profit organisations with a track record can apply for a grant of up to £5,000 (Tier 2). This manages the risk to the funding pot, whilst being responsive to feedback from local refugee-led groups/stakeholders that higher levels of funding were needed to make an impact on the issues being addressed. In 2024/25 Tier 3 was

introduced for established, constituted not-for-profit groups with a strong connection to the Ukrainian community in Cambridge. These groups can apply for up to £30,000.

8.4 Groups working with Ukrainian refugees are identifying multiple needs that require the delivery of more than one activity. The grant scheme was amended to allow groups with a track record of delivery with the Council to hold more than one grant or access one large grant for a range of projects, thereby increasing their offer to the people they are supporting.

8.5 As of 2 December 2024, a total of £197,008 has been awarded as follows:

<b>Priorities &amp; Funding Total</b>	<b>Bids</b>	<b>Small Grant Offers</b>	<b>Budget Remaining</b>	<b>% Budget</b>
£500,000	£291,927	£197,008	£302,992	60.60% remaining
Navigating life in the UK	£11,108	£8,808		1.76%
Promote community cohesion and integration	£78,650	£70,350		14.07%
Deliver money advice and management	-	-		0.00%
Support access to employment	£23,700	£17,567		3.51%
Increase confidence in speaking English	£55,000	£55,000		11.00%
Enhance wellbeing, including activities for children	£123,469	£45,283		9.06%

46 grant awards were made to 15 community groups to date.

- 8.6 **2023-24 Community Grants Annual Report** – The Grants Team has prepared a report summarising the awards that were made for 2023-24, highlighting some of the achievements of funded groups and illustrating the impact of the Community Grants fund. The report can be found here: <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/4fsbnvze/community-grants-annual-report-2023-24.pdf>

On average every £1 of grant funding awarded was combined with a further £4-5 of income raised by the group through additional fundraising, meaning that the total value of grant-funded activities is estimated to have been in excess of £4.5 million.

- 8.7 The Grants Team has responsibility for managing the ‘**Community Right to Bid**’ process, which has been in place since 2012. Local community and voluntary bodies, along with parish and town councils are able to identify land and buildings that provide an important service in their community. These community organisations can nominate such assets for inclusion on a register of assets of community value, which is maintained by the City Council. If an asset on the register comes up for sale, community organisations may have up to six months in which to raise capital and bid to buy the asset, before it can be sold on the open market. Examples of eligible assets include local shops, pubs, community centres, libraries, playgrounds, swimming pools, and markets.
- 8.8 In 2024 the Council received five nominations for assets to be added to the ‘List of Assets of Community Value’. One nomination was accepted and therefore the former Library, Mill Road was listed an ‘Asset of Community Value’ (ACV). Four separate nominations were received for buildings on the former Shire Hall site. These were considered by the Councils ACV Panel, and it was decided that these nominations would not be accepted onto the list of ‘Assets of Community Value’.
- 8.9 The Council also received notification from the owner of the former Library on Mill Road that they intended to dispose of an ‘Asset of Community Value’. This was the second time in recent months that the owner had attempted to sell the asset, following the first attempt falling through. The second notification triggered a moratorium period in which several interested, qualifying groups notified the Council of their intention to bid to purchase the building. Due process was followed, and the moratorium period ended on 12 August 2024, thereby enabling the owner to sell to whomever they chose.

Notification was also received that the owner of the East Barnwell Community Centre intended to dispose of the Asset. This triggered a 6-week interim moratorium in which the Council received no 'notice of intention to bid' notifications from interested community groups. Therefore, the owner was able to dispose of the asset as they wished from 3 June 2024.

## 9. Plans for 2026/27

- 9.1 **The Community Grant scheme outcomes** will be reviewed and refreshed to ensure they align with Council outcomes such as those set out in the Community Wealth Building Strategy. There will be less emphasis on whether an activity meets a particular priority area, instead whether it meets the outcomes we want delivered and ensuring funded groups can capture the difference the activity made (impact).

We are also considering whether we can offer grant funding to support community groups to develop their business plans/financial strategies, in recognition of the challenges the sector is facing to remain sustainable in the face of considerable financial pressures.

As with previous years, the Grants team will also reflect on any feedback from applicant groups and make continuous improvements where possible.

The wider intention is to ensure the Council's Community Grants programme ties in with other types of Council community investment, such as the social value procurement work, so we have a comprehensive package wrapped around the Community Wealth Building approach.

Any significant changes such as proposed new grant scheme outcomes will be presented to Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee in the spring of 2025 for consideration.

- 9.2 Officers will be reviewing the process for awarding **Discretionary Rate Relief** to ensure it aligns with best practice and remains affordable for the Council.

- 9.3 **The procurement of a Digital Grants Platform (DGP)** is underway, with a preferred supplier now identified. It is expected that the process of moving to the DGP will be piloted in March 2025, with two schemes that are open all year round first, to resolve any teething problems before

the August 2025 launch of the Community Grants, Homelessness Prevention Grants and Sustainable City Grants schemes for 2026-27.

- 9.4 A new grant scheme supporting all refugees and asylum seekers** will be introduced in the spring of 2025, replacing the United with Ukraine Grant scheme.

## **10. Implications**

- a) Financial Implications** - Set out in section 7 of the report.
- b) Staffing Implications** - There are no staffing implications.
- c) Equality and Poverty Implications** - Equalities Impact Assessments were carried out as follows:
  - January 2015 on the implementation of the Community Grants Fund
  - June 2018 on the review of funding for anti-poverty projects
  - January 2022 on the current Community Grants Fund
  - June 2024 to inform the Community Grant review proposals brought to Committee in June 2024

A further Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken when the Community Grant priorities are reviewed.

- d) Environmental Implications** - Organisations funded via the Over £5k Community Grants fund are expected to have or develop an environmental policy.
- e) Procurement Implications** - The Council's approach to grant aid through the Community Grants is via an application process rather than through the direct commissioning of services.
- f) Community Safety Implications** - Some of the funded projects will have a positive impact on community safety.

## **11. Consultation and communication considerations**

Applicants were notified when this report was published detailing recommended awards, giving an indication of proposed funding from April 2025. This adhered as closely as possible to the Compact framework to give three months' notice of funding changes. Officers will continue the process of award notification, signposting and support, and implementing and monitoring awards.

## **12. Background papers**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

## **13. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Over £5k Community Grants 2025-26 Award  
Recommendations - Activities

Appendix 2 –Community Grants 2025-26 Award Recommendations -  
Discretionary Rate Relief

## **14. Inspection of papers**

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## Appendix 1 – Community Grant Award Recommendations 2025-26

The following recommendations are subject to the confirmation of the Council's budget in February 2025 and in some cases, the receipt of satisfactory information from applicant organisations (this could include additional activity information, finances, governance etc.)

- The funding and purpose will be detailed in grant agreements
- Figures in brackets in the activity column are the numbers of beneficiaries
- Where no funding is recommended, or not the full amount requested, it is due to one or more of the reasons stated in 4.7 of the report

Group	Activity	Full Cost	Request	2025/6 Community Grant Award	2025/26 Events Budget	Other Council Funding	2024-25 Comm Fund Award
Abbey People CIO - run and facilitate activities and events; networking; responding to identified needs within the local community.	Weekly youth club provision for children and young people from low-income families. Trauma informed provision. Safe recreational space. Leisure activities and life skills. Weekly 1 hr youth club for children aged 8-12. (50 city bens) Weekly 1 hr youth club for children aged 13-18. (50 city bens) (100:100 city bens).	£ 38,618	£ 8,648	£ <b>4,000</b>			Funded as part of main grant
Abbey People CIO.	Community support activities. Twice weekly drop-in support sessions (240 city bens) 3 weekly food hub sessions (350 city bens) Weekly 2 hr community coffee mornings (50 city bens) Provision of community facilities at the Hub and East Barnwell community Centre. (640: 640 city bens).	£ 74,196	£ 21,252	£ <b>21,252</b>			£25,000

Group	Activity	Full Cost	Request	2025/6 Community Grant Award	2025/26 Events Budget	Other Council Funding	2024-25 Comm Fund Award
<p>Allia Ltd - issues social investment bonds nationally to raise money for charitable activities and provides supportive workspace for social enterprises, charities and small businesses in Cambridge via Future Business.</p> <p>Page 64</p>	<p>Support for social enterprises which strongly support the city's grant priorities.</p> <p>1. Start and Grow - training course programme for start-ups and established social/local enterprises. 2 courses, (40 bens).</p> <p>2. Self-paced learning - online training resources available on demand, particularly targeted at those that have commitments meaning they are unable to attend scheduled courses. (40 bens)</p> <p>3. Community days - bi-monthly educational events with a particular theme (e.g. South Asian heritage month, Black History Month, International Women's Day) open to tenants, programme participants, alumni and the public. (6 events, 150 bens).</p> <p>4. Expert coaching support - online and/or in person 1:1 sessions. (40 bens)</p> <p>5. Hackathon - event for city residents to tackle a key issue facing the city. (15 bens).</p> <p>(Total programme: 285:228 city bens).</p>	£ 57,915	£ 41,532	£ <b>5,000</b>			£21,000 (£7k from CG and £14k <sup>1</sup> SPF)
Cambridge Community Arts - art, music and drama courses targeting people at risk of social exclusion due to mental and physical ill-health.	<p>6 x 8 (weekly 3 hour) creative arts courses for low-income residents at risk of social exclusion.</p> <p>6 supported volunteer placements.</p> <p>Collaboration with local artists/creatives. (54:54 city bens).</p>	£ 39,630	£ 36,000	£ <b>20,000</b>			£20,830

<sup>1</sup> UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)



Group	Activity	Full Cost	Request	2025/6 Community Grant Award	2025/26 Events Budget	Other Council Funding	2024-25 Comm Fund Award
Cambridge Hindu Association - religious, social and cultural activity.	Over 50s Club. 22 x 4 hour meetings. Chair based exercises; transport for those with access issues; leisure trips. (65:53 city bens).	£ 10,080	£ 7,080	£ <b>1,650</b>			£1,500
Cambridge Housing Society (CHS) Group - social enterprise and charitable housing association.	4 activities per week to promote the Corona Community service within the Housing Related Support partnership, for women supported by other housing providers. Health and wellbeing. Social engagement. Allotment project. Money Matters financial services. 1-2-1 support and partnership projects with other organisations. (25:24 city bens).	£ 27,952	£ 11,721	£ <b>5,000</b>			£11,353
Cambridge Online - volunteer based educational charity providing disabled and disadvantaged people with access to computers, the internet, training and technology advice.	Digital inclusion sessions delivered face to face via outreach sessions across the city (8+ per week) and daily sessions at the Allia Future Business Centre providing digital skills training, job search assistance, learning, help with accessing services, reducing isolation, money saving and consumer advice and online safety, supporting digitally excluded people including older people and refugees. Device donation scheme - donation of up to 200 laptop/tablet/phones to people in need. Remote support services - remote technical assistance and training via telephone helpline, email and video conferencing. Low cost kiosks / advice services provided (up to 5) in sheltered housing schemes and	£ 125,500	£ 50,000	£ <b>10,000</b>		<b>15,000</b>	£40,000

Group	Activity	Full Cost	Request	2025/6 Community Grant Award	2025/26 Events Budget	Other Council Funding	2024-25 Comm Fund Award
	provision of consumer advice (975:913 city bens).						
Cambridge Sustainable Food - promotes affordable, good food; a sustainable local food economy; waste reduction; healthy diets; food poverty.	Monthly batch cooking sessions held in low income areas of the city to teach people how to make nutritious meals on a budget and reduce food waste whilst also bringing communities together. Participants will also have the opportunity to achieve a digital badge which will be available to employers and get involved with further training and skills development with CSF. (150:150 city bens).	£ 16,821	£ 11,821	£ <b>10,000</b>			NEW - previous £15k for establishing social supermarkets
Cambridge Sustainable Food.	Provision of free healthy meals to families during the school holidays across City Council community centres, supporting other venues to do so and coordinating the holiday lunch providers network. Support provided in the form of provision of ingredients, volunteers (from CSF volunteer programme and businesses) or expertise. CSF will support a range of partners to deliver 2,000 lunches and of these will directly deliver 1,223 lunches with an average attendance of 45 people.	£ 17,353	£ 12,353	£ <b>8,000</b>		£ <b>4,000</b>	£12,000
Cambridge Sustainable Food.	Design and implementation of new Food Justice Alliance focussing on food security in the city. CSF will support this work by;	£ 16,589	£ 16,589	£ <b>15,500</b>			£7,500

Group	Activity	Full Cost	Request	2025/6 Community Grant Award	2025/26 Events Budget	Other Council Funding	2024-25 Comm Fund Award
	facilitating the development of a Cambridge Charter on Food Justice and Security; developing a Theory of Change to guide the Alliance's collective approach; restructuring the Alliance to one where the steering group identifies key actions and themes and aligns the best positioned partners to lead; host 6 steering group meetings; continue developing CSF's volunteer programme to support Alliance members and hosting an annual Food Poverty Conference (2000:2,000 city bens).						
Cambridge United Foundation - use power of sport and Cambridge United brand to have a positive impact on our local community across key themes of health, education and inclusion.	Recruitment of a full-time Children & Adults Disability Sports Officer. Officer to co-develop and deliver an expanded range of pan-disability sports activities. (122:100 city bens).	£ 42,168	£ 16,928	£ <b>16,928</b>			£13,000
Cambridge Women's Resources Centre - specialised support, information and training for women to increase skills, confidence, self-esteem and employability.	Employability and wellbeing programme of workshops, courses and groups, enabling skills and confidence building for women and enabling them to re-engage in the community. Includes sessions and activities on computer support, preparing for interview, bike maintenance, first aid for finances, healthy relationships. Also support to run an active volunteering group, a walking group, an art drop in and an	£ 77,358	£ 77,358	£ <b>33,000</b>			£33,000

Group	Activity	Full Cost	Request	2025/6 Community Grant Award	2025/26 Events Budget	Other Council Funding	2024-25 Comm Fund Award
	engagement group about local community issues. (210:190 city bens).						
Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise – represents the older people of Cambridgeshire, ensuring their voices are heard.	Promoting the well-being and interests of older people. 6 bi-monthly newsletters, informative talks, support and signposting, social activities, outings (2,893:1,344 city bens).	£ 30,660	£ 7,000	<b>£3,000</b>			£3,000
Centre 33 - supports young people to overcome their problems through a range of free, confidential services - information and advice, counselling and mental health, and young carer's services.	Someone To Talk to service for young people aged up to 25 years providing free information, advice and guidance, assessment and advocacy with emotional and practical needs via open access telephone, video and face to face drops ins and one to one appointments. (2,270:1,500 city bens).	£ 136,412	£ 90,032	<b>£ 50,000</b>			£47,000
CoFarm Foundation - Co-farming in Abbey to reduce health inequalities and improve cohesion.	4 x 3hr open 'co-farming' sessions per week (April - October) with and for the local community. Volunteer co-farmers will learn how, and participate in, growing fresh fruit and vegetables sustainably and co create and manage their own community farm and market garden together. Co-farmers will also be involved in harvesting produce for distribution to city residents experiencing food insecurity. (1,800 total city bens: 450 city co-farmers and 630 households food	£ 120,301	£ 28,896	<b>£ 20,000</b>		<b>£10,000<sup>2</sup></b>	£18,000 (also received £10k SCG)

<sup>2</sup> Sustainable City Grant Funding

Group	Activity	Full Cost	Request	2025/6 Community Grant Award	2025/26 Events Budget	Other Council Funding	2024-25 Comm Fund Award
	recipients and 720 via community food hubs).						
Fitness Rush Community CIC.	12 month programme of weekly fitness sessions fitness and health courses for people in and around Abbey Ward resulting in Level 1 Active Healthy Living fitness qualification (64:64 city bens).	£ 20,000	£ 10,000	£ 0			-
Groundwork East. Page 69	Delivery of Wellies in the Woods (WitW) x 5 programmes for families with under 5s. Each programme consists of 6 sessions of 1.5hrs per week across deprived Cambridge City wards targeted at those on low incomes, insecure housing, refugees and those with mental health support to engage with the natural world through wildlife walks, scavenger hunts, den building, storytelling etc. Supporting parental engagement in outdoor settings. (100:100 city bens).	£ 12,055	£ 12,055	£ 0 <sup>3</sup>			NEW
Homestart Cambridgeshire - family group providing support to families with at least one child under 5 and when family life becomes difficult.	Targeted support based at Chesterton Methodist Church to support families with at least one child under 5. 38 sessions across the year during term time with 10 families a session. Supporting those who would struggle to attend more open community family groups sessions due to mental health, disability, low self-esteem or other	£ 11,912	£ 7,100	£ 7,100			£6,000

<sup>3</sup> Awarded funding to run a pilot in 2024-25.

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	disadvantage. And enables their children to socialise and engage in planned activities to support school readiness. (42:38 city bens).						
Junction CDC Ltd - arts centre where arts meets life. Audiences and artists explore contemporary art, popular culture and creative learning.	Free creative projects tackling social exclusion for young people with complex needs. Total Arts & Total Mini-Bytes. Fortnightly creative workshops for disabled children. 20 workshop sessions (15 participants). 20 total Arts Mini Bytes sessions (10 participants) per session. Contemporary Youth Choir: for young people aged 11-25. To improve mental health and confidence. Referrals from local charities for young people with complex needs. 1 hour weekly sessions. Travel bursaries. Free to attend (22 participants). 'Hands on Happenings' creative projects prior to watching a performance (2200 participants).	£ 138,603	£ 69,302	£ <b>40,000</b>			£40,000
Kettle's Yard - place for art, music, learning and research. Exhibitions, concerts, collections and engagement.	To support 'Your Kettle's Yard': an inclusive and creative programme of activity to enable the most vulnerable and disenfranchised members of our local community to build cultural capital in partnership with Kettle's Yard. This programme will specifically seek	£ 57,573	£ 15,000	£ <b>13,500</b>			£13,500

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	to engage those within the community who face significant barriers to accessing art including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'at risk' children, young people and their families</li> <li>• people experiencing isolation or loneliness</li> <li>• the long term unemployed</li> </ul> (2,574:2,021 city bens).						
Kings Hedges Family Support Project - family support drop-ins for parents and their children up to the age of 3.	Family support drop-ins x 3 days x 50 weeks support required for Wednesday and Thursday groups all year and Mondays from January 2026 across three locations in most deprived wards with family support workers and trained play workers, seeing around 500 families a year (665:600 city bens).	£ 137,459	£ 60,928	£ <b>20,126</b>			£15,000
Kite Trust (The) - support for LGBTQ+ young people in Cambridge to have better outcomes in life.	LGBTQ+ activities: 1-1 support for young people. Online sessions for intersecting identity groups (neuro-diverse and trans/non-binary). Signposting, support, information. Weekly group sessions for 13-25 year olds (split sessions: 13-18 and 18-25). Monthly physical activities. Monthly arts and cultural activities. (200:100 city bens).	£ 64,000	£ 32,000	£ <b>15,000</b>			£12,500
Kite Trust (The).	Quarterly LGBTQ+ Forum meetings and co-ordination of LGBTQ+ History Month activities. (2,500:1,900 city bens).	£ 15,250	£ 12,250	£ <b>9,000</b>			£9,000

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Level Water - bespoke, one-to-one swimming lessons for children aged 4 to 11 years with either a physical or sensory disability.	Expansion of the 'Learn to Swim' programme for disabled children aged 4 - 11. 1:1 bespoke tuition. Abbey pool Cambridge. The Hive Ely. (20:20 city bens).	£ 19,950	£ 7,470	£ <b>7,470</b>			£4,000
Meadows Children & Family Wing - intensive support for local families with preschool children and those up to age 11 living in north Cambridge. Bring together and support each other on a range of issues: parenting, healthy living, confidence, domestic violence, relationships and friendships.	Family support programme for children and families. 1) 2 x weekly drop ins x 5.5 hrs (101 sessions) - outreach, advice, information, support, signposting, facilitated play projects 2) 'All about me' empowerment course for women with free crèche 3 x 7 weeks (445:350 city bens).	£ 83,377	£ 83,377	£ <b>35,000</b>			£35,000
Meadows Children & Family Wing.	'Life After Abuse' package consisting of three elements for women and their children 1) 'The Freedom Programme' (empowering women to make life choices, improving skills and confidence and to understand their relationships) x 3 courses x 12 weeks x 12 women. With free creche 2) 'Freedom Forever Programme' (initiating change, assertiveness, housing, debt, budgeting, developing new networks) x 3	£ 84,121	£ 66,815	£ <b>18,000</b>			£16,000 plus £3,000 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Community Safety budget



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	courses x 10 weeks x 12 women. With free creche. 3) Weekly specialised drop-in x 2 hours x 51 weeks for individual support to course attendees and for women on the long waiting list - including creche, food parcels/vouchers and poverty relief measures, Risk assessments, referral work. (507:392 city bens).						
Museum of Cambridge - social history museum; aims to tell the stories of all Cambridge people. Exhibitions, workshops, lectures, projects, activities, tearoom, shop.	Cultural programme of activities: 1. Year round creative interactive workshops for carers and children in areas of deprivation 'Little Feet, Big Impressions'. 2. Year round programme bi-weekly outreach 'pop up', handling object activities for families in areas of highest deprivation. 3. Storytelling from the Museum collection. 4. Heritage Craft school holiday programme for families living in areas of high deprivation. 5. Recruitment and training of Family Engagement Volunteers to support the implementation of the above activities. (1,415:1,400 city bens).	£ 30,974	£ 30,974	£ <b>30,974</b>			£32,659
New International Encounter (NIE) - creating devised performances / projects that speak directly and dynamically to a wide audience especially	Tales from the Edge of Town: 2 x 2 creative writing taster workshops, in 2 primary schools. Autumn 2025. 8 x 2 hr workshops at targeted extra-curricular clubs, Feb/March 2026. 2 performances for participants and the local community, Feb/March 2026. Key partner	£ 28,801	£ 11,000	£ <b>6,000</b>			£5,000

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young people and families.	Galfrid Road Primary, plus one additional school. (140:140 city bens).						
North Cambridge Community Partnership (NCCP) - aims to improve the education and living standards of the local community by improving facilities, encouraging self-help and involvement and increasing community spirit.	Various activities: - Quarterly networking Lunch - Sports Activities from Nun's Way Pavilion including: Skateboarding, football sessions x 2, multi-sport and glow dance during term time 2 x 6 sessions, - Cooking Club - 4 workshops x 2 hours - Lego Club - weekly for local primary school children - Gardening club, monthly from Mar-Nov - Toddler Group - weekly - Zumba and Yoga fitness club - 2 x 6 sessions - Easter Egg Hunt - Nuns Way rec community event - Pantomime - Chaplins Theatre, local hall for children - Christmas Event - annual lights switch on Arbury Court - Coffee morning - fortnightly for older members of the community - Running NCCP - primarily staff salaries - Summer beach trip - annual seaside excursion for those with mobility challenges - Summer Family Fun Event - Nuns Way rec, (2,685:2,685 city bens).	£ 28,868	£ 12,619	£ 0			£0

Group	Activity	Full Cost	Request	2025/6 Community Grant Award	2025/26 Events Budget	Other Council Funding	2024-25 Comm Fund Award
Pink Festival Group (The) - run LGBTQ+ events to celebrate and showcase LGBTQ+ lives and support the development of Queer Arts.	Cambridge Pride - free, accessible one day event in June 2025 - a day of music, literature and performing arts, including a youth area designed by young people in conjunction with The Kite Trust, community area and wellbeing area (11,500:8,000 city bens).	£100,500	£10,000	<b>£5,000</b>			£5,000
Romsey Mill Trust - supports young people and families who experience multiple disadvantage. Outreach, training, learning opportunities, sports, arts, positive activities.	6 weekly open access groups at three locations, with each group meeting for 1.5 hrs weekly for 36 weeks, 60 1:1 sessions plus group trips. For socially and economically disadvantaged young people aged 11-18 years to address their disadvantage and help them to realise their potential (135:108 city bens).	£ 48,216	£ 18,000	<b>£ 14,000</b>			NEW
Romsey Mill Trust.	Babies and buddies group for young mums with babies under 14 months, providing advice and support network. 2hrs x 39 weeks, group trips and 1:1 support to address challenges, provide practical information and help with progression to further education or employment (20:16 city bens).	£ 14,663	£ 8,663	<b>£ 5,500</b>			NEW
Romsey Mill Trust.	Aspire Plus programme - a life and social skills programme for Autism disadvantaged young people aged 17-19; 3 x 2.5hr sessions for 37 weeks, 96 sessions of 1:1 support (67:35 city bens).	£ 44,500	£ 7,250	<b>£ 7,000</b>			£6,000

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Rowan Humberstone Ltd - empower learning disabled students to become independent by raising confidence, self-esteem and self-worth via arts and crafts activities.	Creative classes for adult students with a learning disability. 5 days a week, 50 weeks per year. Weekly 'Rowan Rangers' Forest School. (90:45 city bens).	£ 557,810	£ 20,000	£ <b>10,000</b>			£7,500
Sew Positive - mend, repair, upcycle and repurpose clothes to calm the mind, improve mental health and well-being, and help the planet.	Funding for programme of 7 progressional sewing and textile based activities within the city to reduce social isolation and increase community cohesion. Match funded by application to United with Ukraine application. Includes 32 workshops, 8 all day sewing cafes, 2 warehouse sales. (140:140 city bens).	£ 48,202	£ 30,262	£ <b>10,000</b>			£2,000
Strawberry Fair - a festival of music, entertainments, arts and crafts.	Organisation and delivery of the Strawberry Fair in June 2025. High-profile free event run entirely by volunteers. Funding sought for 3 outdoor stages, 2 tented stages, 3 additional performance areas and a Kidz Park. (33,000:22,100 city bens).	£ 190,321	£ 20,000	£ <b>1,000</b>	£ <b>14,000</b>		£15,000
Student Community Action - recruit and train student volunteers to provide social, educational and practical support to vulnerable and disadvantaged residents and other local statutory and voluntary agencies.	Student volunteering programme. Big siblings - 1-1 support for vulnerable or disabled children; Bounce - Saturday social club for vulnerable or disabled children; Ukraine school - help with homework on Saturday mornings; Taskforce - weekly visits to older people. Christmas and summer party. Support voluntary sector with Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)	£ 62,027	£ 10,000	£ <b>0</b>			£5,000

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	advice, training and form processing service (123:122 city bens).						
The Papworth Trust - delivering employment support programmes, that focus on skills development, opening pathways to work and increasing independence.	Routeways to work (RTW) programme providing work experience and employment support and guidance through the social enterprise bike shop (OWL bikes) (30:17 city bens).	£ 77,960	£ 10,000	£ <b>10,000</b>			NEW
The Red Hen Project - support and services to target issues that prevent children and families thriving in north Cambridge via 1:1 casework and active outreach programmes especially targeting hard-to-reach families.	Schools' out programme offering 19 activities across school holidays to enable 270 individuals in families with complex needs in the CB4 area to access free and supported access experiences. (270:216 city bens).	£ 35,836	£ 18,000	£ <b>5,000</b>			NEW
The Red Hen Project.	Poverty reducing services for 350+ individuals in North Cambridge 1:1 in homes. Project worker provides emergency care packs, money, finance and debt guidance, digital inclusion and Christmas support, access to resources, food redistribution. (270:216 city bens).	£ 35,234	£ 25,000	£ <b>20,000</b>			15,000
The Red Hen Project.	Community drop-in support for 234 hours for families facing complex challenges with inequality and poverty in North Cambridge. Based at 3 locations: Good Shepherd Hall,	£ 40,297	£ 20,000	£ <b>10,000</b>			£10,000

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	Arbury Community Centre and Chesterton Methodist Church, 2 hour sessions running Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during term time targeted at the hard-to-reach who don't access universal services. (350:280 city bens).						
Together Culture CIC – makes space to create and to become more creative, gathering people who want to help create a more equitable and ecological economy.	Let's Go Fly a Kite Festival to take place in February 2026 to celebrate the untold history of the Kite area. Festival will address town versus gown divide, bring people together to heal and find ways to work together to honour the legacy of the Kite and develop a Citizen Enterprise Zone as well connect with the redevelopment of the Grafton Centre. Events to include talks, meals, film screenings, exhibitions, family activities, establishment of new market garden, retelling of oral histories via an interactive theatre performance, kite making, flying and sing along on Midsummer Common (1,000:800 city bens).	£ 27,500	£ 15,500	£ 0			NEW
UK Welcomes Refugees – shape the future of community-led resettlement in the UK.	Seeking Hong Kong in Cambridge - Cultural treasure Hunt, enabling exploration of connections between Hong Kong and UK through artefacts, explorations, workshops and tours around Cambridge. Aimed at bringing understanding and improving integration for the migrant Hong Kong community in Cambridge. (500:500 city bens).	£ 9,315	£ 9,315	£ 0			NEW

Group	Activity	Full Cost	Request	2025/6 Community Grant Award	2025/26 Events Budget	Other Council Funding	2024-25 Comm Fund Award
University of Cambridge Museums - collections available to the widest audiences via exhibitions, events, courses. Consortium of eight university museums. Programme to increase, deepen and diversify engagement.	Cultural activity programme: 15 sessions in 2 sheltered housing schemes (525 instances of participation); School Holiday support programme with Community Development Officers (250); Summer and Twilight at the museums events, activities and trails (8,769) Young Parents creative skills with Romsey Mill 10 sessions (12), Targeted access to work experience - North Cambridge Academy and Coleridge (12), workshops with unaccompanied asylum-seeking children 6 sessions (8), inclusive offer for families SEND 6 openings, 6 creative clubs, 1 art pack, (458), Museums on Tour ( 5 pop up sessions, 3 community led events (450) Community panel (12) (9,971:9,97 city bens).	£ 121,546	£ 21,803	£ <b>15,000</b>			£15,000
				<b>£538,000</b>	<b>£14,000</b>	<b>19,000</b>	

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## Appendix 2 – Community Grant Award Recommendations 2025-26 – Discretionary Rate Relief

The following recommendations are subject to the confirmation of the Council's budget in February 2025 and in some cases, the receipt of satisfactory information from applicant organisations (this could include finances, governance etc.)

- The maximum level of funding that can be awarded as DRR is 20%
- Where less than 20% DRR has been awarded this will usually be because there are a high proportion of non-city residents benefiting from the services offered by the organisation

Group	Premises considered for Discretionary Rate Relief	2025/6 Community Grant DRR Award	2024-25 Comm Grant DRR Award
Abbey People CIO	<b>20% DRR</b> East Barnwell Community Centre CB5 8RS (550:500 city bens)	<b>£311</b>	£130
Abbey People CIO	<b>20% DRR</b> 15 Barnwell Road, CB5 8RG (550:500 city bens)	<b>£252</b>	£85
Age UK Age UK Age UK	<b>20% DRR</b> Cherry Trees Club, St Matthews Street CB1 2LT (20 city bens)	<b>£206</b>	£86
Allia Ltd	<b>20% DRR</b> Future Business Centre, Guildhall (16 tenants)	<b>TBC</b>	TBC <sup>1</sup>
Allia Ltd	<b>10% DRR</b> Future Business Centre, 47-51 Norfolk Street CB1 2LD. Future Business Enterprise Hub (16 tenants)	<b>£1,190</b>	£1,190
Allia Ltd	<b>10% DRR</b> The Future Business Centre, Kings Hedges Road CB4 2HY - Building 1 (35 tenants)	<b>£1,693</b>	£1,899
Allia Ltd	<b>10% DRR</b> The Future Business Centre, Kings Hedges Road CB4 2HY - Building 2 (6 tenants)	<b>£1,507</b>	£1,692
Arbury Community Association	<b>20% DRR</b> Arbury Community Centre, Campkin Road, CB4 2LD (7,000:6,000 city; 38 voluntary, 3 stat orgs and 8 private organisations)	<b>£293</b>	£122

<sup>1</sup> The Valuations Office has not given a rating at the time of writing this report, so it is not possible to calculate the cost to the Community Grants budget. The award will be back dated to 24-25 when known.

Cambridge 105 FM Radio	<b>20% DRR</b> Unit 9a, 23-25 Gwydir Street, CB1 2LG (11,000 + 35 groups + 4 statutory agencies + 25 private organisations + 120 volunteers)	<b>£244</b>	£265
Cambridge and District Citizens' Advice Bureau	<b>20% DRR</b> 66 Devonshire Road, CB1 2BL	<b>£4,766</b>	£4,800
Cambridge Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club Limited	<b>20% DRR</b> Logan's Way CB4 1BL (880:836; 10 other orgs)	<b>£1,030</b>	£440
Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service	<b>20% DRR</b> 16-18 Arbury Court Road, Arbury Court CB4 2JQ	<b>£1,098</b>	£1,126
Cambridge Dial A Ride Ltd	<b>20% DRR</b> Unit B, Rene Court, Coldham's Road, Cambridge, CB1 3EW (451:448 city bens)	<b>£692</b>	NEW
Cambridge Re-Use	<b>20% DRR</b> Unit H, The Paddocks, 347 Cherry Hinton Road CB1 8DH (967:612 city bens).	<b>£1,248</b>	£1,248
Cambridge Science Centre	<b>10% DRR</b> Trinity Centre, 22b Cambridge Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge, CB4 0FN (22,130:5985 city)		NEW <sup>2</sup>
Cambridge Sustainable Food	<b>20% DRR</b> Unit 17, Barnwell Business Park, Barnwell Drive, Cambridge, CB5 8UZ	<b>£669</b>	NEW
Cambridge Vineyard Church (Growkids facility)	<b>20% DRR</b> GF3, Building 2, Allia Future Business Centre, Kings Hedges Road Cambridge (315:300 city bens)	<b>£507</b>	£594
Cambridge Women's Resources Centre	<b>20% DRR</b> 13 The Courtyard, Sturton Street, Cambridge, CB1 2SN	<b>£948</b>	£973
Centre 33	<b>20% DRR</b> 33 Clarendon St, CB1 1JX	<b>£868</b>	£769
Cherry Hinton Community Benefit Society	Cherry Hinton Hub, High Street, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge, CB1 9HZ	<b>TBC<sup>3</sup></b>	NEW
Junction CDC Ltd	<b>20% DRR</b> The Junction, Clifton Way CB1 7GX	<b>£1,732</b>	£666

<sup>2</sup> This property is based in South Cambridgeshire and so is not eligible for consideration for business rate relief from Cambridge City Council.

<sup>3</sup> We are expecting an application for DRR once the Valuation Office has rated the property. It is not possible to anticipate the potential cost of this on the Community Grants budget at this time.

Kelsey Kerridge	<b>20% DRR</b> Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre, Queen Anne Terrace CB1 1NA (984:805 city bens)	<b>£5,168</b>	£2,118
Museum of Cambridge	<b>20% DRR</b> 2/3 Castle Street CB3 0AQ	<b>£0.02</b>	0.01 <sup>4</sup>
Romsey Mill Trust	<b>20% DRR</b> Romsey Mill Centre, Hemingford Road, Cambridge CB1 3BZ1	<b>£353</b>	£151
Romsey Mill Trust	<b>20% DRR</b> Ross Street Community Centre, Ross Street, Cambridge, CB1 3UZ	<b>£187</b>	£80
Romsey Mill Trust	<b>20% DRR</b> Mill Road Community Centre, 6 Hazell Street, Cambridge, CB1 2GN	<b>£192</b>	£307
Rowan Humberstone Ltd	<b>10% DRR</b> 40 Humberstone Road CB4 1JG	<b>£709</b>	£727
The Haven (It Takes a City)	Address withheld for safety reasons	<b>TBC</b>	NEW <sup>5</sup>
Together Culture CIC	<b>10% DRR</b> 5 Fitzroy Street, Cambridge, CB1 1ER	<b>£1,212</b>	NEW
Trumpington Village Hall	<b>20% DRR</b> Trumpington Village Hall, 75 High Street, Trumpington, CB2 9HZ	<b>£62<sup>6</sup></b>	£63
<b>MINIMUM APPROXIMATE TOTAL</b>		<b>£27,136</b>	

<sup>4</sup> Valuations Office reduced the rateable value of the Museum of Cambridge to a nominal £1.

<sup>5</sup> We are expecting an application for DRR once the Valuation Office has rated the property. It is not possible to anticipate the potential cost of this on the Community Grants budget at this time

<sup>6</sup> We are anticipating an application but it was not received at the time of writing this report

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## Cambridge City Council

### Record of Officer Urgent Decision

#### Appointment of Cambridge City Council to the Conservators of the River Cam.

Decision taken: To appoint the following to the Conservators of the River Cam from 1 January 2025 for a maximum three-year term:

- **David Levien**
- **Cllr Neil Gough**
- **Alistair Wilson**
- **Sarah Tovell**

Decision of: Chief Executive

Reference: 24/OfficerUrgent/E&C/02

Date of decision: 24/12/2024 and published 24/12/2024

Any alternative options considered and rejected: None

Reason for the decision including any background:

The appointment of commissioners to the Conservators of the River Cam by Cambridge City Council is set out in the 1922 River Cam Conservancy Act. Council appointees to the Conservancy should be in place by 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2025. The next meeting of Council is on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025. An urgent decision under Paragraph 2, Section 9 of the Constitution, is necessary now to enable appointees to attend Conservancy meetings before the next Full Council meeting.

Appointments are made on the recommendation of the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces & City Services. Appointees have been selected based on their ability to support the development and delivery of plans to remediate Bait's Bite and Jesus Green locks which were closed temporarily on 21 May 2024 due to concerns about their structural integrity.

Comments: The Executive Councillor for Open Spaces & City Services has confirmed approval of the appointments and process.

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