

Cambridge City Council. Some examples of its contribution to improving the wellbeing of communities in Cambridge

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<p>Housing</p> <p><i>City Homes:</i> <i>Robert Hollingsworth</i></p> <p><i>Strategic Housing:</i> <i>Alan Carter</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing council houses for those in need and housing the homeless • Supporting tenants and leaseholder groups so that they can contribute to management of the delivery of housing services • Investing in our housing stock to improve its energy efficiency and tackle fuel poverty, and to provide high quality personal hygiene facilities; we also have a role in promoting health & safety standards in the private sector housing dealing with damp and cold and unsafe properties. • As the strategic housing authority we work with Housing Associations and through the planning process to deliver more affordable housing. • We promote high environmental and accessible standards in new affordable housing. For example, all of the new affordable housing on the growth sites will be level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Housing and at least 2% will be fully wheelchair accessible. • We run sheltered housing schemes and support the most vulnerable tenants with specialist care (and work in partnership to do more – Richard Newcombe was opened earlier in the year as an “extra care” scheme for frail elderly – built by Cambridge Housing Society on land provided by the City Council. • We run targeted projects working with rough sleepers, including support to voluntary sector providers, e.g. Wintercomfort, Jimmy’s Night Shelter • Home Aid is the City Council’s version of a home improvement agency that is set up to support older and other vulnerable people to remain in their homes as long as possible by facilitating repairs or carry out adaptations to their homes. We have set up a shared service with South Cambs DC and Hunts DC.
<p><i>Planning:</i> <i>Patsy Dell</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreeing strategic plans that shape development in the city. • Controlling development

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good design standards • Planning for new health and community facilities in growth areas • Local needs assessment as part of neighbourhood development
Environmental Health: <i>Jas Lally</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of pest control services to deal with public health pests such as rats, mice, bedbugs • Dealing with filthy and verminous homes, people and possessions, including hoarders and properties that are a fire risk. • Food and health and safety licensing • Health & Safety in the commercial workplace, including the investigation of serious accidents • Responsibility for food safety and advisory services on healthy eating and enforcement of smoke free regulations and advising on smoking cessation services • Responsibility for infectious disease control and investigations into food poisoning • Responsibility for alcohol entertainment and gambling licensing and working in partnership with community safety and alcohol reduction strategies.
Pollution: <i>Jas Lally</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air - City Council has an air quality action plan, as part of which we are working to promote cleaner fuel vehicles, both with taxi operators and with the County Council re: buses • We have a preventative role on “permitted processes”, which covers major operations such as Addenbrooke’s incinerator and Marshalls spray-painting, which we regulate

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water – we take enforcement action against those who pollute water and land, and work closely with the Environment Agency • Noise pollution – we promote responsible behaviour and take enforcement action against those who breach noise pollution regulations
<p>Arts and Recreation: <i>Debbie Kaye</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to the GP referral scheme (which should be well-known to GPs and provides for them to prescribe subsidised exercise sessions at our leisure centres), we: • Provide programmes for the disabled, including “goal ball” (a sport activity for the visually impaired), trampolining and horse riding • Put on “street games” sessions for young people, including basketball and BMX • Run the “Forever Active” programme of exercise classes for the over-50s, ranging from pilates to seated exercise to zumba • Support local sports clubs and volunteers; and • Run school sports activities and the annual “youth games” • We have a major programme of activity in 2012 to take advantage of the opportunity provided by the Olympic games to promote physical activity
<p>Community Safety: <i>Alan Carter</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners to reduce crime and disorder • ASB case workers acting on specific cases of ASB with victims and perpetrators • CCTV – general role in public safety and night-time economy

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling domestic violence • Safer City grants scheme for helping community solutions to crime and safety issues • Support to street pastors scheme – night-time support to people who are drunk/vulnerable
<i>Licensing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol licenses • Creating cumulative impact zone
<i>Community Development:</i> <i>Trevor Woollams</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community centres, e.g. Meadows, Browns Field, Buchan Street (a Healthy Living Centre) • Neighbourhood Community Development • ChYPPs – general play activities and targeted schemes (e.g. work to deter high risk behaviour and promoting healthy eating, etc. • Work with older people, e.g. Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age, tea dances • Priority areas include vulnerable communities - people with disabilities, engaging black and minority ethnic residents, older and younger people, and those on low incomes • Extensive voluntary sector grants programme • Knowledge of local communities (Mapping Poverty research and direct contact with groups) and support for Neighbourhood projects, such as walking groups from community centres.
<i>Local Transport Management:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting cycling and walking

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HR and employment policies <i>Deborah Simpson</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support health of our employees, e.g. counselling service, smoking cessation
Provision of Council Tax benefit and Housing benefit <i>Alison Cole</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting take up of benefits and giving advice on claims • Prioritising groups that will receive Council Tax Benefit under a locally managed scheme
Streets and Open Spaces <i>Toni Ainley</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a local environment that is clean and pleasant, which can be enjoyed by local people. This includes recreation grounds, nature reserves, parks, playgrounds and paddling pools.
Corporate Strategy <i>Andrew Limb</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying out Equality Impact Assessment of services to ensure that groups of people are not excluded • Improving participation in the Council's decision-making and providing open forums where local people can "have their say" about issues that affect their well-being.