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Changes to bin collection days over Easter

Bin collections due on Good Friday 29 March will be four days earlier than usual, bringing collections forward to Monday 25 March. This will be the only bin collection date change over the Easter period.

All other collections will take place on your usual bin collection day.

Find out more about your bin collection dates and what goes in which bin at: cambridge.gov.uk/bins



Greater Cambridge on the right track for delivering sustainable and affordable homes

A report by Greater Cambridge Shared Planning has set out the progress made during the past year on building sustainable and affordable new homes.

It demonstrated Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council's commitment to providing more sustainable housing to help meet the housing needs identified in the Local Plan.

In Greater Cambridge, 794 new affordable homes were completed in 2023/24 – 322 of these homes were built in Cambridge.

Highlights also include:

- **Climate Change Impact:** Planning policies positively impacted climate change adaptation and mitigation measures, with planning permissions

including water efficiency and carbon reduction conditions.

- **Environmental Stewardship:** Air quality objectives were met, and policies protecting priority species, habitats, and historic buildings remained effective.

- **Quality of Life:** Indicators for the Greater Cambridge area continued to show generally favourable results, reflecting a high quality of life for residents.

Cambridge City Council is working to deliver high quality affordable homes, including hundreds of new council homes, which are sustainable and energy efficient. Part of this work includes improving the standards of the council's current homes so that they too meet this standard.



New council housing at Campkin Road in Cambridge

How to contact Cambridge City Council

It's often easier to contact us online, at a time that suits you. You can complete a short form to report things like flytipping – cambridge.gov.uk/report-flytipping, a missed bin collection – cambridge.gov.uk/report-a-missed-household-bin-collection, or a change in your circumstances affecting your benefits or Council Tax – cambridge.gov.uk/online-accounts.

✉ cambridge.gov.uk
 ☎ 01223 457000, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5.15pm
 ☎ 0300 3038 389, for emergencies outside of office hours

📍 Appointments are available for customers who have queries which cannot be resolved by telephone or online. Call us for help.

Appointments are available 9am to 5.15pm, Wednesday to Friday, at our Customer Service Centre at Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1BY.

Please note that we no longer operate customer services from the Guildhall.

Once-in-a-century opportunity to improve the city's civic heart

The council is investing in a once-in-a-century opportunity to make improvements to Cambridge's Market Square, Guildhall, Corn Exchange, and the public areas in between, to secure the continuing success of the market and to make the ageing buildings fit for the future.

The delivery of this project will allow the council to:

- Create a focal point in the centre of Cambridge that residents can be proud of and which lives up to the city's world-renowned reputation as a centre of excellence and cultural significance
- Attract residents and visitors to spend more time in the market, the Corn Exchange, and city centre shops,

- restaurants and bars
- Build on the vision to make the Market Square a more accessible, attractive, welcoming, exciting and safe place to visit, shop and gather during the day and into the evening
- Make the Corn Exchange a more modern and appealing venue with updated facilities; explore new commercial opportunities; and reduce operational costs
- Conserve the Grade II listed Guildhall as a zero-carbon building with a welcoming environment for the public, community groups, and fit-for-future working spaces for the council's HQ and business occupiers, to save costs and increase income towards protecting frontline services.



In the design stages of the project, everyone will have an opportunity to contribute to the proposals.

A new Civic Quarter Liaison Group has been established so that anyone interested in the Civic Quarter project has the opportunity to engage with the

project team and stay updated as the project progresses. The group is open to everyone and will meet regularly.

You can follow all the latest developments at:
 cambridgecivicquarter.co.uk

Exciting plans for investment in Abbey ward

A number of exciting projects and redevelopments are being proposed for Abbey ward, in the East of Cambridge, which could be delivered in the coming years.

Up to £100 million could be invested in Abbey to create new jobs and new homes, support the local economy and improve the lives of residents.

Work will get under way this year on the transformative **East Barnwell project** to create a vibrant new centre at the heart of Abbey ward, starting with two sites on either side of Barnwell Road, which will feature:

- 120 much-needed high-quality, modern, sustainable new council homes
- New community facilities for all including a community centre and

- library, pre-school, and public open spaces
- Modern commercial units to replace ageing Barnwell Road shops
- Creation of new green spaces, landscaping and planting, retaining existing trees and hedgerows wherever possible, creating a biodiversity net gain of 20%
- New sports and play facilities nearby to replace the existing Abbey Bowls Club and public tennis court.

The council is currently consulting on plans for the **Ekin Road** estate, where existing council homes have significant maintenance and structural issues that need to be addressed as part of a wider programme of work to improve accommodation standards for people living in council homes across the city.



We are consulting with local residents until 3 May. Find out more: ekinroad.co.uk

Through the government's **UK Shared Prosperity Fund**, £282,000 has been allocated to a project called 'Focus On Abbey'. This is bringing together people from the community, voluntary,

charitable, public and private sectors to support community led projects aimed at empowering local people to improve quality of life in the area.

Other community led projects are also being developed with partners to address additional local priorities.

Queen visits Meadows Community Centre

In February, Her Majesty The Queen visited the Meadows Community Centre, where Royal Voluntary Service has a café, to celebrate its volunteers.

Queen Camilla was joined by Julie Spence OBE, Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Cllr Jenny Gawthrop Wood, Mayor of Cambridge and other guests.

Former Love Island contestant, model and dancer, Tasha Ghouri joined the visit alongside Strictly star, Johannes Radebe to teach ballroom and tap-dancing

lessons, which Her Majesty enjoyed alongside the volunteers and guests. Tasha and Johannes are both Royal Voluntary Service supporters.

The dance classes took place in the Nigel Gawthrop Performance and Arts Hall. The hall is named in honour of Cllr Gawthrop Wood's late husband, Nigel, who was also Mayor of Cambridge and a city councillor.

The community centre opened in October of last year and is part of The Meadows and Buchan Street development. This is a Cambridge Investment Partnership (CIP) project – CIP is a partnership between Cambridge City Council and housebuilder Hill to deliver new homes in the city.

The sustainable community centre is designed to provide residents with access to valuable resources and a place to come together. It includes a state-of-the-art double-height hall, a family centre, a youth wing, the café run by Royal Voluntary Service, a pre-school, and bookable meeting rooms.



The Queen at the Royal Voluntary Service Café



Cllr Jenny Gawthrop Wood dancing with Johannes Radebe

Elections this May – don't forget to register to vote

Voters in Cambridge will go to the polls on Thursday 2 May. Elections are taking place for 14 of the 42 seats on Cambridge City Council, as well as for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Police & Crime Commissioner.

If you are not already registered to vote, you need to apply before midnight on Tuesday 16 April. It only takes five minutes, and you will need your national insurance number.

If you will be away on 2 May, you can apply for a postal vote until 5pm on Wednesday 17 April or you can appoint someone you trust to be your proxy until 5pm on Wednesday 24 April.

New national rules on how to return completed postal votes come into force for the May elections. Political campaigners must not handle your postal vote, and you can only return your postal vote via Royal Mail, or by handing it into a polling station in your ward on polling day, or to the council's customer service centre. Anyone delivering a postal vote by hand

will need to complete a form, and the new rules mean that refusing to complete the form or leaving the postal vote in a council letter box will result in the postal vote being rejected.

If you vote in the polling station, you will need to have an approved form of photo ID. If you don't have photo ID, you can apply for a free voter authority certificate. More information can be found on the Electoral Commission's website electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voter-id

If you can't go online, please email or call the election team who can send you a paper application form. Email: elections@cambridge.gov.uk or call 01223 457048.



Apply for a postal vote at gov.uk/apply-vote-post
Apply for a proxy at gov.uk/apply-vote-proxy

Register to vote here: gov.uk/register-to-vote

For more information on the elections and registering to vote, contact the election team or visit cambridge.gov.uk/elections-and-voting. You can also follow @votecambridge on X.

Find a community centre that best serves you and your needs

We run a number of community centres across the city which are open to all residents, regardless of where in the city you live.

Our community centres provide a variety of spaces to meet, learn, work, exercise and play.

Our community centres are:

- **Akeman Street Community Centre** – 80 Akeman Street, Arbury, CB4 3HG
- **Brown's Field Community Centre** – 31a Green End Road, East Chesterton, CB4 1RU
- **Chesterton Pavilion Community Room** – Church Street, CB4 1ED

- **Clay Farm Community Centre** – Hobson Square, Trumpington, CB2 9FN
- **Hobbs Pavilion Community Room** – Park Parade, CB1 1JH
- **Meadows Community Centre** – 299 Arbury Road, Arbury, CB4 2JL
- **Nightingale Pavilion Community Room** – Nightingale Avenue, CB1 8SG
- **Storey's Field Centre** – Eddington Avenue, Eddington, CB3 1AA

Find out more about each community centre and our four other centres managed by local groups: cambridge.gov.uk/community-centres



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Cambridge named as an 'A' List City for climate action

At the end of last year, Cambridge was named an 'A' List City by the Carbon Disclosure Project.

Since 2016 we have been reporting the actions we have been taking to reduce carbon emissions and prepare for climate change, including work undertaken with partners, to the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP).

This year the city has made it to the 'A' List. Cambridge is one of 119 cities globally to be recognised by CDP for taking bold leadership on environmental action and transparency.

Only 13% of cities out of the 939 that disclosed environmental data in 2023 received an 'A' score, demonstrating climate leadership through effective action.

Leading Cambridge's response to the climate change and biodiversity emergencies is one of four key priorities for 2022 to 2027 in the council's Corporate Plan. The council's Annual Climate Change Report highlighted actions that have been taken in the last year to meet the objectives set out in its Climate Change Strategy (2021 to 2026) including:

- Contributing to a fall in the council's direct carbon emissions from its



One of the Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service's electric bin lorries

corporate buildings, fleet vehicles and business travel by 10% between 2021/22 and 2022/23

- Installing air source heat pumps and making energy efficiency upgrades to Parkside and Abbey Pools
- Investing £2.5 million from 2020/21 to 2022/23 to retrofit 264 council homes with energy efficiency and low carbon measures

- Bringing together key partners through the City Leaders' Climate Change Group to identify ways to collectively reduce carbon emissions to increase the impact across the city
- Delivering actions to improve the city's resilience to climate change including working with partners to improve tree canopy cover and biodiversity.

CDP is a global non-profit that runs the world's environmental disclosure system for companies, cities, states, and regions.
cdp.net/en/cities



Council takes second place for actions taken towards net zero

The council came second out of all district councils in the UK, in the recent Council Climate Action Scorecards.

The scorecards, produced by Climate Emergency UK,

assessed all UK councils on the actions they have taken towards net zero.

The council scored 57% overall, exceeding the average score for district councils which was 29%. The

council's highest scores were for collaboration and engagement (79%), building

and heating (71%), and waste reduction and food (69%) questions.

[You can find out more about the climate change and sustainability work the council is doing here: \[cambridge.gov.uk/climate-change-and-sustainability\]\(https://cambridge.gov.uk/climate-change-and-sustainability\)](https://cambridge.gov.uk/climate-change-and-sustainability)



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Meet Camcycle outside Great St Mary's Church on King's Parade from 9am for a 10am departure or join at other points along the route. A led ride returns at 2.30pm. Guided ride from Ely also available.

All welcome! Find out more at camcycle.org.uk/reachride

Applying for home energy efficiency funding just got easier

Applying for financial support to carry out energy efficiency improvements to your home can sometimes feel like a long process. That is why Action on Energy has made this process easier and quicker for you.

The website now has a new 'Grant Funding Application Form' so that you can easily make a referral for home energy efficiency funding if you believe you are eligible.

You can find funding support available to you on the website. This support includes grant funded schemes to support low-income households with measures such as loft insulation, cavity wall insulation, solid wall insulation, solar panels, and heat pumps. There is also support for homeowners and landlords.

To learn more about these schemes and the eligibility criteria for each of them, go to

the 'funding' page of the Action on Energy website.

Action on Energy is a partnership between the city council and other councils in Cambridgeshire that provides our communities with advice and support for maximising home energy efficiency, which can save you money on your energy bills and reduce your carbon emissions.



You can also find information on energy efficiency, retrofit measures, funding opportunities, installation, and other practical guidance at:

actiononenergycambs.org

01223 457340

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Explore what you can do to reduce your carbon footprint

Cambridge Carbon Footprint (CCF) will be hosting events this spring to help you figure out what changes you could make to help reduce your carbon footprint – some of these changes might be smaller than you think but can have a big impact.

To help deliver on the council's Climate Change Strategy objectives, we regularly support and work with Cambridge Carbon Footprint.

The 2024 Cambridge Festival

CCF, community artist Hilary Cox Condron and Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination (CCI) will be at the 2024 Cambridge Festival.

This is a great opportunity for you to find out more about practical things you can do to live more sustainably, which is good for the environment and your pocket. It also gives you the chance to learn about ecosystems and how the way we live impacts them.



In front of King's College, there will be hands-on creative activities, a Repair Café, stories and ideas to share that will help you explore how nature might guide us to build a greener, fairer and more connected future.

The sustainable living advice hub at this event is supported by the city council.

The 2024 Cambridge Festival will take place on Saturday 23 March and Sunday 24 March.

You can find out more about the event at:

cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/events/cambridge-festival-repair-cafe/

Bring your stuff back to life with the Repair Café

Last year, Cambridge Carbon Footprint supported organisations to host over 40 Repair Cafés in Cambridgeshire.

The Repair Cafés are a great place for you to take any items you might have that might need a bit of work in order to be given a second chance at life, instead of being thrown away.

On the first Saturday of every month there is a Repair Café held at Together Culture on Fitzroy Street. You can also find Repair Cafés near you on the Cambridge Carbon Footprint website.



If you are interested in attending you can find more information here:

cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/repair-cafes/



Cambridge University Amateur Dramatic Club
SWEENEY TODD
 By Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler
 Sweeney Todd returns to London with only one thing on his mind: revenge. A Barber's chair and a razor blade: only horror can ensue...
WED 13 - SAT 23 MARCH AT 7.45PM
MATINEES AT 2.30PM

Corkscrew Theatre Company
A FEW GOOD MEN
 By Aaron Sorkin
 Can you handle the truth? Aaron Sorkin's blistering drama challenges us with this iconic question as two Marines go on trial for murder.
TUE 26 - SAT 30 MARCH AT 7.45PM
SAT 30 MARCH AT 2.30PM

BAWDS
BUSMAN'S HONEYMOON
 By Dorothy L Sayers and Muriel St. Clare Byrne
 This Dorothy L Sayers classic finds the detective Lord Peter Wimsey (and crime writer Harriet Vane) on honeymoon when a body is discovered in their cellar...
TUE 09 - SAT 13 APRIL AT 7.45PM
SAT 13 APRIL AT 2.30PM

Pied Pipers
MADE IN DAGENHAM
 By Richard Bean, David Arnold and Richard Thomas
 An uplifting musical comedy about friendship, love and the importance of fighting for what's right.
TUE 23 - SAT 27 APRIL AT 7.45PM
SAT 27 APRIL AT 2.30PM

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Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, Coming March 2024 (Photo by Paul Ashley)

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Get your garden blooming this spring

Spring has arrived and you may be looking to get your garden into tip-top shape. Gardening is a great way to connect to nature, boost your mental wellbeing and support wildlife, the environment and biodiversity.

Here are some tips to help you take care of your garden and the environment this spring:



Avoid using herbicides – the use of herbicides

damages the surrounding environment, not just the areas in which you place it. This is because the wind often contributes to spreading it outside of the applied areas which harms other plants and invertebrates – it can even be harmful to you and your pets.



Avoid cutting back hedges – although this feels like the

perfect time to cut back hedges, it isn't! March to July are the busiest times for nesting birds and cutting back your hedges could harm them. Before doing any work to your hedges during this time, you should check if there are any nesting birds and stick to only trimming parts of your hedge which are overhanging.



Use a watering can instead of a hose

– save water by using a watering can instead of a hose when gardening. This reduces the amount of water that you waste and will save you money on your water bill.



Great British Spring Clean – help keep Cambridge tidy

Keeping your community clean can make your local area more attractive, improves the environment, reduces threats to wildlife and can even improve your mental health.

The Great British Spring Clean is back, running from 15 March to 31 March – this is the perfect opportunity for your community to come together and do something that benefits you all.

The Community Engagement team will be hosting some litter picking sessions during this time which you can attend. They will be at the meeting points at 11am with litter picking kits:

- **Sunday 24 March** – Christ's Pieces, Drummer Street, CB1 1NQ. Meeting point: outside the Drummer Street public toilets
- **Thursday 28 March** – Romsey Recreation ground, Vinery Road, CB1 3DT. Meeting point: outside the public toilets

- **Sunday 31 March** – Cherry Hinton Hall, Cherry Hinton Road, CB1 8DW. Meeting point: main car park.

If you want to help us keep the city looking clean and tidy by organising a litter pick, we can lend you equipment including litter pickers, gloves, bags and high-visibility vests. We offer kits in batches of five for adults and children.

At least one adult aged 18 or older must take part in your litter pick and there is no charge for borrowing the equipment.



To borrow equipment from us, visit: cambridge.gov.uk/litter-picking-kits-for-volunteers

Reducing the use of herbicides in the city

The council has been actively trying to reduce the usage of herbicides in Cambridge and will continue to do so.

Last year, West Chesterton and Trumpington joined Newnham and Arbury in the herbicide-free ward trials. In these areas, vegetation growth such as weeds has been managed by mechanical

sweeping and hand tools such as spades and hoes.

Vegetation growth in the four wards has been monitored so that targeted action can be taken in any areas that require additional maintenance.

In 2019 we restricted the use of herbicides in the parks and open spaces that we manage. We will continue to not use herbicides in these spaces.

Win prizes for binning your litter

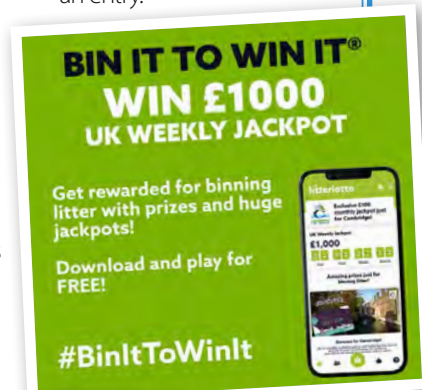
We have partnered with the LitterLotto, in conjunction with Cambridge BID, to give you the chance to win prizes for binning your litter responsibly.

So far, over 9,000 pieces of litter have been recorded as being binned in Cambridge through the LitterLotto app.

Each month two lucky winners will get £100 or a £50 Love Cambridge gift card courtesy of Cambridge BID. We have had six lucky winners so far. When you take part, you are also automatically entered into the national prize draw where you can win bigger prizes.

To get involved all you have to do is:

- Download the LitterLotto app
- Submit a photograph each time you put litter in one of the many litter bins across the city – each submission is an entry.



Download the LitterLotto app on the Apple App Store or Google Play.

How does the council fund your services

Cambridge City Council is responsible for collecting Council Tax from Cambridge residents to help pay for the work of local councils and the emergency services.

Council Tax is a property-based tax which is payable on most domestic properties, and what you pay is divided between the county council, the police and crime commissioner, the combined authority, the fire authority and the city council.

There is one Council Tax bill per property, whether it is owned or rented, and the people who live there would normally be responsible for paying it.

The city council will spend approximately £97.2m in 2024/25 delivering services in Cambridge.

The city council's budget for 2024/25 addresses the significant financial challenges we face from a combination of rising costs, years of reduced government funding, increased demand from Cambridge's growing population and the legacy of the pandemic.

To help manage these pressures we are continuing to implement our own transformation programme, called 'Our Cambridge' to create a more modern and community-focused council, delivering services through better use of technology and new ways of working. As part of this programme we are working more closely with charities, businesses and other public sector organisations, to find new ways to share resources and work together, using lessons learned in recent years including during the pandemic.

We receive income from fees and charges for services, commercial property rents and Housing Benefit subsidy. Income also comes from your Council Tax payments, grants from the government and a share of local business rates. We are landlord to more than 7,500 council homes, and the rents from these are kept separately to pay for housing services.

So far in 2023-24 your Council Tax has helped to pay for a wide range of services for Cambridge residents, including:

- **Emptying your bins and improving recycling** – Our shared waste service collected waste from over 50,000 bins in the city, missing just under 0.3% of bin collections. We diverted just over 51% of household waste from landfill and collected over 52,000 tonnes of materials for recycling
- **Providing leisure facilities including indoor and outdoor swimming pools** – During the year there were around 550,000 casual swims in our swimming

pools and nearly 172,000 visits to our sports facilities. Nearly 59,000 of the visits were made by people with concessionary memberships

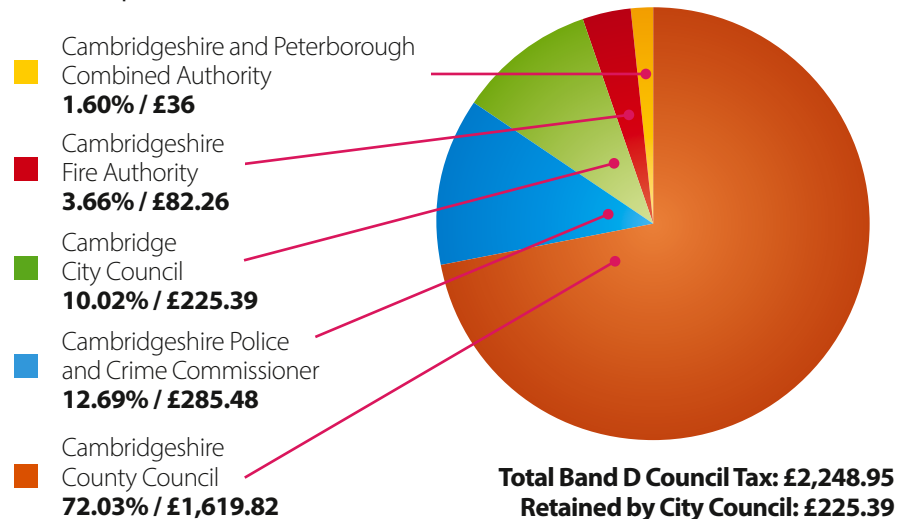
- **Keeping streets and open spaces clean and tidy** – We routinely maintained over one million square metres of grass and collected waste from bins in parks and open spaces. We responded to 178 reports of offensive graffiti and 597 reports of detrimental graffiti and removed 2,079 incidents of flytipping. We also responded to 340 reports of abandoned cars
- **Providing community centres, community development activities and a community grants programme** – Nearly 132,000 visits were made to our community centres, of which just over 102,000 were from priority groups. Our community grants programme allocated nearly £1.4m to voluntary and community groups for projects to reduce social and economic disadvantage for residents with the greatest need
- **Dealing with antisocial behaviour and calls about noise nuisance** – During the year our Antisocial Behaviour team dealt with 839 reports of antisocial behaviour. Our Environmental Health Service responded to nearly 880 complaints about noise nuisance
- **Managing and maintaining over 7,500 council homes** – In 2024/25 an estimated £97m will be used to manage and

maintain council homes, as well as developing new council homes. This money is held in a separate Housing Revenue Account which is self-financing though rental income we collect and long-term borrowing

- **Providing housing advice and support** – During the year the council and its partners prevented or relieved homelessness for just over 440 households and secured housing in the private rented sector for just over 140 households in housing need. The council also supported rough sleepers – 24 were identified in Cambridge during the annual count
- **Collecting local taxes and administering housing benefit and support for Council Tax** – We collected £96.4m in Council Tax from over 60,574 households and £119.6m in business rates from nearly 4,375 businesses. We paid out around £29m in housing benefit and awarded nearly £9m in Council Tax support and made £135,000 of Discretionary Housing Payments
- **Planning for new developments and growth in the city and determining planning applications** – In the year our shared planning service continued to take forward our Local Plan, dealt with nearly 2,588 planning applications in the city, determined 90% of major applications and 85% of non-major applications within the original or agreed extension deadlines

Council Tax

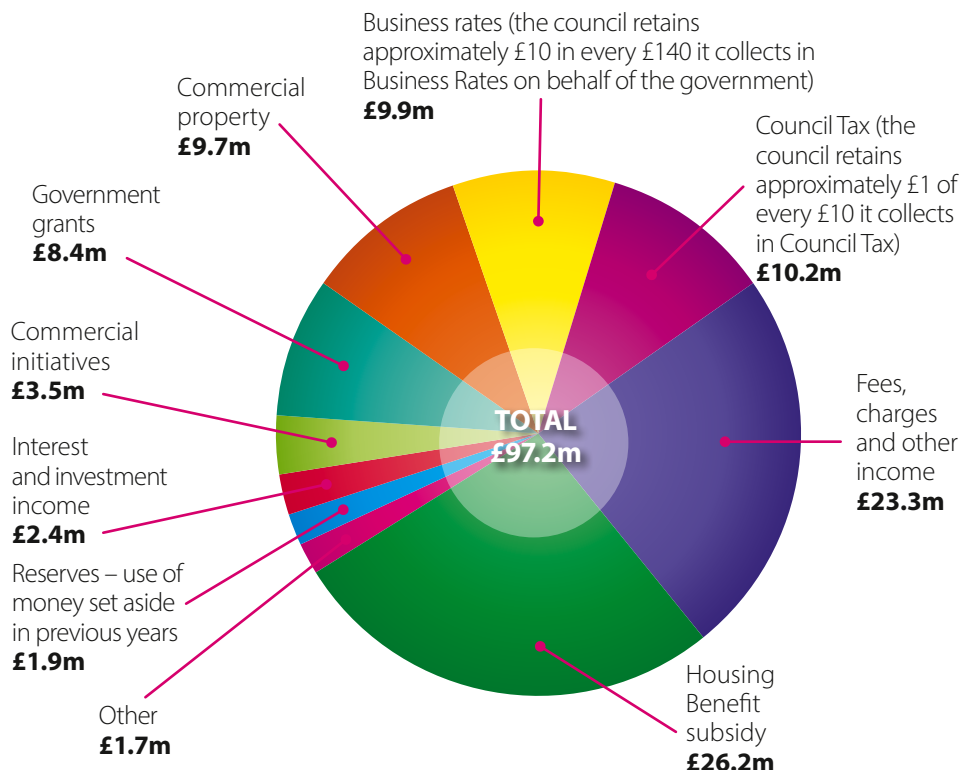
Council Tax is payable on most domestic properties. These are usually houses or flats but can also be other types of property such as houseboats or caravans. The percentages of the Council Tax Cambridge residents pay is divided up as follows:



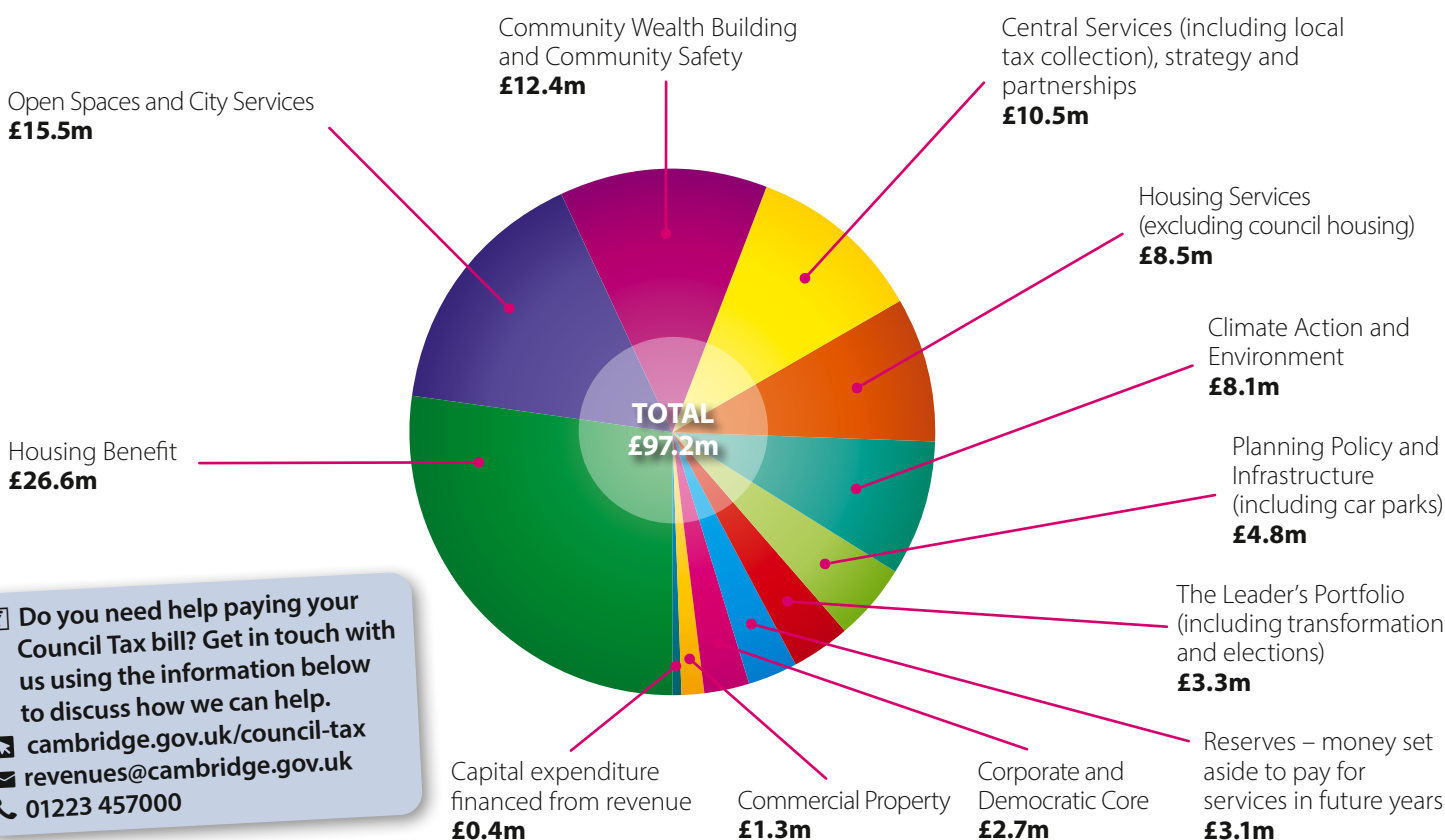
Where does the money come from?

- Managing car parks and promoting greener travel** – Our multi storey car parks saw 1.8 million vehicles utilising them in the year as customers visited the city. We continued to offer a complimentary Shopmobility service, facilitating mobility scooter and wheelchair hire for city centre visitors. We also continued to embrace sustainable transportation to promote greener travel, advocated for car clubs and expanded electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure
- Organising elections and managing the electoral register** – During the year we delivered elections for the city council as well as two city council by-elections, enabling around 29,000 electors to cast their vote in a polling station and 12,500 to vote by post. We canvassed over 60,000 residential properties to make sure the data held for the 90,000 electors in the electoral register was up to date
- Responding to your enquiries** – During the year there were nearly 142,000 transactions with customers conducted over the internet and just over 90% of the enquiries made by telephone were resolved on the first call.

Where the council's money comes from



Where the council's money is spent



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Exciting proposals for Fanshawe Road development

Proposals have been brought forward by Cambridge Investment Partnership (CIP) for a new mixed-tenure development of 84 sustainable, affordable and market-sale homes at Fanshawe Road in Coleridge ward, East Cambridge.

The development will replace 30 ageing homes on Fanshawe Road which are no longer cost-effective to maintain or renovate. Residents living in those properties were consulted with and have moved to homes of their choosing to facilitate the redevelopment.

Residents asked CIP to clarify what the water efficiency measures meant for residents as well as how the green space would be preserved.

The proposals submitted include measures that will allow for more efficient flow of water to taps, showers and toilets, to reduce the impact on local water resources. The aim of these measures is so that the average water usage per person, per day doesn't exceed 99 litres. This doesn't mean that the water will be cut off in the properties once 99 litres per person, per day has been reached. Instead, it means

CIP has estimated 99 litres to be the average amount of water used because of the water efficiency measures included in the plans.

CIP has incorporated water saving measures into the plans to reduce the amount of water that is wasted. Due to the impacts of climate change, there are increased risks of droughts and water shortages. A way to mitigate these risks is to reduce the amount of water that is wasted by using water more efficiently.

The proposals have also taken into account re-providing improved green spaces so there is no loss in area – all homes will



have views of green open space. Biodiversity is suffering a huge decline because of climate change and habitat destruction – the council announced a biodiversity emergency in 2019. To balance the environmental impact of new buildings and to restore biodiversity in the area, trees and wildflowers will be planted to achieve a net biodiversity gain of 35% and existing mature trees will be preserved.

These proposals are subject to planning approval.

Enhancing children's play area in King's Hedges

Work has taken place to redevelop the children's play area at King's Hedges recreation ground, in the North of Cambridge, to create a more fun and engaging space for children to play.

The old equipment that was previously featured at the play area was removed and the new equipment now includes:

- A zip line
- Timber climb tower
- A roundabout
- Viking swing
- Ground trampoline
- Seesaw
- Balance beam
- Pendulum swing
- Embankment slide.

The new play equipment



was installed in January of this year and the redevelopment of the play area cost £165,000.

The council worked with residents who live locally to King's Hedges recreation ground to ensure that the new design was suitable and exciting for children and would improve their play experience.

Find out more about parks and playgrounds:
[cambridge.gov.uk/parks-and-playgrounds](https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/parks-and-playgrounds)

Switching over to Universal Credit



Universal Credit was introduced in Cambridge in October 2018. For people of working age making a new claim, it replaced:

- Tax credits
- Employment and Support Allowance
- Housing Benefit
- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance.

The government is now also starting to move people who are already on the above benefits across to Universal Credit. If you receive any of the above benefits, you will be contacted and invited to claim Universal Credit. This move will happen over several years, so you may not be

contacted soon. **You must respond when contacted.** If you don't, your current benefits will stop after three months.

You could be better off on Universal Credit

You might be better off receiving Universal Credit. You can use the benefit calculator on our website to check.

If you would be better off on Universal Credit, you don't have to wait to be contacted to move to Universal Credit. You can ask the Job Centre to move you across early.

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Cambridge Armed Forces Day Military Fair

Come along to Cambridge's Armed Forces Day Military Fair on Parker's Piece on Saturday 29 June between 11am and 5pm.

With re-enactment groups, a marching band and a fly by, there will be something for everyone to

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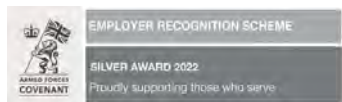
The event takes place on Armed Forces Day, when people across the country come together to show support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to service families, veterans and cadets.

The event is being organised by members of the Cambridge Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club (AFVBC) and the Cambridge Veterans Club (CVC), with support from the council and local businesses.

The council will have a stall at the event and any serving troops, veterans, family members and cadet adult volunteers are invited

to come and chat to council staff about the Armed Forces Covenant, which works to ensure that people who serve in the Armed Forces are treated fairly and are not disadvantaged by their service.

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With longer days and spring around the corner, what better way to shake off winter and enjoy the vibrant new season than a night out in the city at the Corn Exchange?

As ever, the best in stand-up comedy can be found at the venue with top names lined up for this spring including Julian Clary and Frank Skinner.

If music is more your thing, Mick Fleetwood approved Rumours of Fleetwood Mac will be celebrating the songs of one of the era's



The Bootleg Beatles

greatest bands, or hear Pink Floyd's iconic songs brought to life again by UK Pink Floyd Experience. Other legendary artists receiving top quality tribute treatment include The Beatles, Tina Turner, George Michael, Rod Stewart and Frankie Valli.

Culinary icon Rick Stein will be in town sharing tips and tales from his life cooking and travelling, as well as cult podcast sensation The Blindboy Podcast, who will cast his mesmerising spell, as he considers a variety of fascinating topics.

Ellen Kent Opera returns in April for a second date following the company's hugely popular January performance of Carmen – this time with another international opera favourite, Puccini's Madama Butterfly, boasting beautiful sets and costumes, including antique kimonos. Cambridge favourites, the Czech National Symphony Orchestra will be joined in May by one of the country's favourite and most gifted violinists,



Chloe Hanslip performing Bruch's Violin Concerto no.1.

The Cambridge Folk Festival is also back this year, taking place from 25-28 July in the beautiful grounds of Cherry Hinton Hall – make sure to book your tickets before they sell out!

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Give your recycling habits a 'spring clean'

Most Cambridge residents rinse their containers before recycling – do you?

It's so important to give tins, jars, ready-meal trays and even takeaway containers a quick wash and tip out the water before you pop them in your recycling bin. Here's why:

- It's more hygienic, as recycling is partly sorted by people
- Food or drink left in

containers leaks out, making card or paper in the bin or lorry wet or dirty. This makes it unsuitable for recycling, so it goes to waste

- Dirty containers are worth less, which means it costs more overall to collect and recycle them. In fact, each time a lorry-load of recycling is dropped off at the sorting plant it is inspected. If too much of it is dirty with

food, or it contains too many incorrect items like nappies (collectively known as contamination), the whole lot can be rejected and put in landfill. Regular samples are taken to check the overall percentage of contamination, and the council is charged if this goes over a certain percentage.

Your clean jars, bottles and tins are not rubbish, they are raw materials for making useful things with, and they are needed. If they are too dirty they can't be used and become waste.



- Putting on a dishwasher? Fill any gaps with stubborn peanut butter jars or greasy ready-meal trays to make sure you put on a full load
- Always empty bottles and cartons before recycling, even if they only contain water. As well as making paper wet, the liquid makes the bottles too heavy to be correctly sorted. Squash and replace the cap to save space, keep drips inside, and enable the lid to be recycled. Don't let your recycling go to waste – rinse before you recycle.

How clean does my recycling need to be?

Not clean enough



Clean enough



Our water-saving clean recycling tips:

- If you're cooking using tinned food like tomatoes, use the tin to add any water or stock that the recipe needs – it'll use up the contents and rinse the can too
- Rinse containers in the used water after you wash up your plates and dishes – it only takes a few seconds
- For jars, scoop up some washing-up water, replace the lid and shake. Empty and you're done

Having a clear out?

Globally the clothing industry is responsible for more carbon emissions than international flights – in the UK, that is around £140 million worth of used but still wearable clothing that goes to landfill every year.

Consider buying second hand and donating unwanted clothes to charities. Try and keep your unwanted items out of landfill by passing them on to someone who needs them. It's easy to do this through neighbourhood Facebook groups, Gumtree ads, charity shops, and even phone apps like Olio, Vinted, and Depop.

Easter egg packaging

As a reminder, make sure you put the cardboard, plastic and aluminium foil from Easter egg packaging in the blue bin.

Tip: gather all the pieces of aluminium foil (not just from the eggs) until there is enough for the size of a tennis ball before going into the blue bin. This makes sure it gets captured correctly at the sorting facility.



Batteries and vapes in bin lorries cause fires!

To reduce the risk of more lorry fires, please dispose of these items correctly, and encourage others to do so as well.



- Vapes can be taken back to vape shops or to the Household Recycling Centres at Milton or Thriplow for recycling
- Small household batteries can be put in a small plastic bag, tied shut and left on the top of either of your bins on collection day. If it doesn't get taken one week, that means the battery compartment on the lorry is full so put it out again the following week
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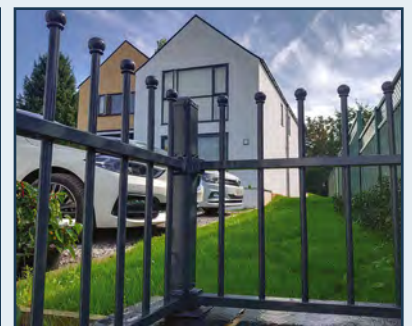
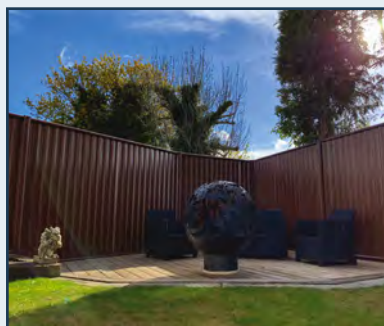
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Grants awarded to support the community



Cambridge City Council has awarded a number of grants to local community groups to help deliver important services and much needed improvements to benefit residents.

- £1,056,501 has been awarded to Cambridge based community groups by the council to support projects that will reduce social or economic inequality for

Cambridge residents during 2024-2025. Some of the projects include delivering creative art courses, offering debt and money advice, providing access to technology and community health sessions

- £380,777 has been awarded to support the improvement of community and sports facilities across Cambridge. The funding was awarded to

21 projects across the city. Some of the projects include improvements to the outdoor courts at Netherhall Sports Centre and new equipment and furnishings at the Campkin Road Community Centre

- £307,845 has been awarded in Homelessness Prevention Grants, which will go to a variety of voluntary and community groups working on projects tackling all forms of homelessness in Cambridge. The homelessness prevention grants programmes form part of wider work by the council and partners in Cambridge to help people find and sustain accommodation, and to access the support they need to leave homelessness and rough sleeping behind them.

Shared Planning service wins award for engaging youth

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning's Youth Engagement Service (YES) won the coveted 'Best Local Authority' and 'Individual Youth Engagement Practitioner of the Year' Awards at The Inspire Future Generations Awards given by the Thornton Education Trust.

The awards celebrate exceptional efforts in youth engagement by architects and built environment professions,

spotlighting individuals and organisations that go beyond mere tick-box commitments to produce meaningful participation and co-design.

The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service has been recognised as one of the few UK local authorities that commits resources to ensure effective youth engagement. Judges were particularly



impressed by GCSP's pioneering methods for approaching youth engagement and architectural education to deliver social value.

Your guide to planning permission

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning has launched an easy online checker to determine if planning permission is needed for projects like dormer windows, fences, porches, and more.

If you are not sure if you need planning permission, be sure to check here: greatercambridgeplanning.org/planning-applications/check-if-i-need-planning-permission.

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
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