



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER



TEAM CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH CHAMPION UK ECONOMIC GROWTH AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Combined Authority demonstrated their crucial role in contributing to growth during their parliamentary reception on Monday 27 January. The event united business leaders, politicians and infrastructure experts to discuss the region's future national growth strategies.

The event featured high-profile panelists from AstraZeneca, ARU Peterborough, Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce, Cambridge Delivery Group and England's Economic Heartlands, who shared their insights on regional growth while addressing key challenges such as housing and transport.

More than 60 delegates attended, representing established businesses, start-ups, local government, the National Wealth Fund, MPs and national stakeholder organisations – each playing a vital role within their industry in advancing the region's strategic growth objectives.

This event builds momentum and enthusiasm for Team Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's participation at UKREiiF 2025, one of Europe's largest trade and investment conferences, taking place in Leeds in May. The Combined Authority will showcase a broad range of investment opportunities from across the region, supported by stakeholders from local government and the private sector. The UKREiiF platform will spotlight Cambridgeshire and Peterborough as a premium investment destination, boasting a thriving business environment, skilled workforce and focus on sustainable growth.



UPDATE FROM THE CEO

ROB BRIDGE

As January draws to a close, it's hard to believe that the festive period was only a few weeks ago. At the Combined Authority, we've truly hit the ground running this year, making some significant strides right from the start.

This month, we celebrated the expansion of the Tiger on Demand service into new areas, which was only possible due to the hard work from those across the Combined Authority. We released our Medium-Term Financial Plan and Corporate Strategy, which outlined some of the great plans we have for the

coming months. Our report on the Bus Franchising consultation was brought to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee and approved, which will go to board in February, and most recently, we held our UKREiF Parliamentary Reception in Westminster earlier this week.

There has been significant national and international interest in our region this week, including announcements from the Chancellor in her speech on Wednesday. This is an exciting time for the region and we are working with partners to understand the opportunities and challenges that have arisen.

I want to thank you for your continued support and collaboration. Your insights and feedback are always valued and helpful.



UPDATE FROM THE MAYOR

DR NIK JOHNSON

It has been a great start to 2025 for us at the Combined Authority. We have had plenty of big news and lots of important work already coming to fruition.

One highlight for me this month was the expansion of Tiger on Demand into Fenland, East Cambridgeshire and South Cambridgeshire. I was lucky enough to try out the service back in November, when the West Huntingdonshire area first launched, and I was thrilled to try it out again in its newly expanded areas.

It's a fantastic, flexible option for residents in rural communities, and as we hoped, it has been well received.

I was also very proud of our Board decision to agree the mayoral and general budgets for the year ahead. Not least because of what this means for guaranteeing the very popular, hugely successful Tiger Pass for the year ahead, and for keeping bus fares as low as possible for everyone via our fare cap boost set at £2 until the summer, and then £2.50 until the end of the year.

As I say, a great start to the year and plenty more to come.



UPDATE ON THE PRECEPT ROUTES

The Tiger routes tender is now live and starts the 30-day period for bids and clarification questions.

This opened on 23/01/2025 and will close 24/02/2025

TIGER ON DEMAND NEW AREAS LAUNCH



Following a successful launch in West Huntingdonshire in late November, the Tiger On Demand service has now expanded to four new areas: Fenland, East Cambridgeshire, and two zones in South Cambridgeshire. These new areas officially launched on Saturday, 11th January, and are already proving popular among residents.

Since its launch, the service in West Huntingdonshire has completed over 1,130 trips, transporting more than 1,500 passengers in just under two months.

We would be delighted if Elected Members could help us promote the new Tiger on Demand Zones to your residents. We have a range of digital and print materials to promote the service which we can share with you or Community Groups that you nominate. If you can help, please email comms@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk.

There will still be more updates coming for Tiger on Demand, with more features being added to the app soon which will allow for residents to have an even better experience using the service.

Keep an eye on future editions of this newsletter for the latest updates and new features coming to Tiger On Demand.

UPCOMING WEBINAR: THE ROAD TO BETTER BUSES IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH

Join Mayor Dr Nik Johnson, Judith Barker, Executive Director of Place and Connectivity, and Ed Coleman, Head of Communications, Engagement and Public Affairs, for a webinar on transforming local bus services with the Bus Centre of Excellence on Monday 24 February 2025.

Hear about the challenges facing buses in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, CPCA's bus franchising consultation, and other improvements such as the Tiger card (£1 fares for under-25s), all-day concessionary pass (from April), and the £2 fare cap (until March 2025).

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COMBINED AUTHORITY APPROVES BUDGET PLANS FOR 2025/26

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority has approved its 2025/26 budget, prioritizing transport, skills, and business growth.

Separately, the Mayor's budget for 2025/26 was also approved, confirming a freeze on the Mayoral precept at £36 per year for Band D households. This precept helps fund 53 bus routes across the region, with 80% already operational and the rest launching this Spring.

Key highlights include extending the £2 bus fare cap until June 2025, transitioning to £2.50 from July to December 2025, and continuing to support affordable, accessible travel while addressing congestion and cost-of-living challenges.

The approved budget aligns with the Combined Authority's Corporate Strategy, driving regional growth, innovation, and economic renewal in support of national goals.

[Read more on the plans.](#)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are our upcoming meetings. You can view the full calendar [on our website here](#).



6 FEBRUARY

Combined Authority Board
10:00am

11 FEBRUARY

Skills and Employment Board
10:00am

21 FEBRUARY

Audit and Governance Committee
10:00am

24 FEBRUARY

Skills and Employment Committee
10:00am

26 FEBRUARY

Environment and Sustainable
Communities Committee
10:00am

5 MARCH

Transport and Infrastructure Committee
10:00am

12 MARCH

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
10:00am

17 MARCH

Investment Committee
2:00pm

19 MARCH

Combined Authority Board
10:00am



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LATEST NEWS

Here are a few of our latest news stories. You can view all of them [on our website here](#).



MAYOR MAKES STATEMENT ON CHANCELLOR'S KICKSTARTING THE ECONOMY SPEECH

Mayor Dr Nik Johnson released a statement on Wednesday 29 January on plans unveiled by the Chancellor to go further and faster to kickstart economic growth.



MAYOR DR NIK JOHNSON JOINS LAUNCH OF MAYORAL INNOVATION EXCHANGE

Mayor Dr Nik Johnson joined fellow elected mayors from across the UK to launch the 'Mayoral Innovation Exchange' to foster collaboration, enable innovation, and share best practices between mayoral combined authorities.



CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH TO CHAMPION YOUNG VOICES IN YOUTH GUARANTEE TRAILBLAZER

The Combined Authority has taken a significant step forward in ensuring young people's voices are at the heart of shaping the future of employment and training support in the region.



MAYOR MEETS WITH OFFICE OF RAIL AND ROAD IN A BID TO IMPROVE TRANSPORT

As part of an ongoing mission to improve residents experience of transport across the region and give people more choice over the way they travel, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mayor Dr Nik Johnson has met with the Office of Rail and Road.