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PAUL BRISTOW MAYOR
OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE
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MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER



MEET THE MAYOR PAUL BRISTOW

It's been a whirlwind few weeks since I became Mayor, but we've definitely hit the ground running. From the outset, I've been out and about across the region, not just representing Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, but making real changes to get us moving in the right direction.

Back in May, I attended UKREiIF and was delighted with the impact Team Cambridgeshire and Peterborough made. Our sessions were filled with engaged delegates eager to learn more about our capabilities, continue discussions and see why our region is the ideal place to invest. Investment is vital for our region - it unlocks opportunities, strengthens communities and ensures our residents enjoy a healthier, wealthier, and happier future.

At our Annual General Meeting last week, I welcomed our newly approved Deputy Mayor,

Cllr Anna Bailey, and a cross-party group of committee chairs. I spoke with new appointees and wider cross-party board members as my 'partners for delivery', because we all have a united focus on getting things done across the region.

And we're already making that happen. Together, we stepped in to save the 33 bus route between March and Whittlesey, after it was set to be cut this August. We have saved an essential service for communities who were at real risk of losing their only public transport link to Peterborough.

I have also come together, with my board to back one of the region's most important infrastructure projects – Ely Junction. We have brought together voices from across the region, in a letter to Chancellor Rachel Reeves urging her to support this long-forgotten programme in the upcoming spending review.

I promised to get Cambridgeshire and Peterborough moving, and I meant it. In just a few short weeks, we've already shown what a new, collaborative way of working can achieve. But this is just the start. I'm ambitious for our region and I'm ready to deliver.



UPDATE FROM THE CEO

ROB BRIDGE

Since our last newsletter in April, momentum has been building quickly across the Combined Authority and throughout the region.

Our new Mayor, Paul Bristow, is already helping shape the priorities that will drive progress for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough as we work together to serve the community.

This month, we made a strong impact at UKREiiF in Leeds, showcasing our region's impressive potential to investors from across the UK and beyond. It was a great reminder of the innovation and opportunity here and how collaboration across sectors is key to unlocking growth.

We're also thrilled to launch the new Tiger Bus Routes! A major win for the team and local communities alike, delivering faster, more reliable public transport connecting towns and villages like never before.

We're continuing to develop our Local Growth Plan and look forward to sharing more updates in future editions of this newsletter.

Change is happening, and through it all, our commitment to improving residents' lives remains rock solid. Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement!

REGIONAL LEADERS UNITE TO CHAMPION ELY JUNCTION INVESTMENT



The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Board has united to reaffirm its backing of one of the region's most important infrastructure projects – the Ely Area Capacity Enhancement (EACE) programme.

In a joint letter to Chancellor Rachel Reeves ahead of next week's Comprehensive Spending Review, the cross-party Board is calling for a funding commitment that would unlock wide-reaching economic and transport benefits for Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and the wider East of England.

Bringing together voices from across the region, the Board's collaborative approach underlines the shared ambition to see long-term growth supported by a modern, efficient rail network.

The EACE scheme, which tackles one of the UK's most congested rail bottlenecks, is widely recognised as a high-value investment, offering returns of up to £4.89 for every £1 spent.

Local leaders are seizing the moment to reaffirm their collective support for the Ely upgrades.

The programme promises to enhance passenger and freight capacity, strengthen links across the East. The Board has welcomed Government commitment to powering up the UK's vital Oxford-Cambridge growth corridor and supporting growth industries like life sciences. This has included Government welcoming University of Cambridge's plans for a city centre innovation hub. Ely junction will be a key enabler of the Government's ambition to go 'further and faster' to grow the globally competitive economy.

Decades in the making, the project is ready to deliver. The case is strong. The benefits are clear.

As the Government prepares its Comprehensive Spending Review, the Combined Authority Board stands united in its ask: fund the Ely Area Capacity Enhancement and help drive the region - and the nation - forward.

NEW TIGER BUS ROUTES FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE LAUNCHED



Seven brand-new Tiger bus routes launched on 27 May, improving public transport across the region with faster, more frequent services and better connections for our communities.

Here's a quick overview of each new route:

- Tiger 1 (Huntingdon ↔ Cambridge) – A fast, hourly link into the city via Fenstanton, Swavesey and Longstanton. Ideal for commuters, students and residents seeking a quick, direct and affordable connection.
- Tiger 2 (Newmarket P&R ↔ Madingley P&R) & Tiger 3 (Fulbourn ↔ Grantchester) – These new services link key sites including Addenbrooke’s, Cambridge Station, colleges, science parks and hospitals - avoiding city centre congestion and providing quick cross-city access.
- Tiger 4 (Newmarket ↔ Addenbrooke’s) & Tiger 5 (Soham ↔ Cambridge) – Serving East Cambridgeshire, these rural routes improve access to Cambridge from Fulbourn, Burwell, Swaffham and Soham. The Tiger Hoppa ticket make it easy to switch between the two.
- Tiger 7 (Wisbech ↔ Chatteris) – Hourly buses connect underserved Fenland villages like Manea and Christchurch, running early morning to late evening.
- Tiger 12 (Longstanton P&R ↔ Sutton) – A new cross-district rural route linking Sutton, Earith and Willingham with access to the guided Busway at Longstanton, perfect for onward travel into Cambridge.

If you would like to help raise awareness of these services within your communities, please contact comms@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk and we’ll be happy to send any materials needed.



We've had over 45,000 Tiger Bus Pass applications.

Find out more about the impact its having on young people in our region here:

WATCH NOW

TEAM CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH SHINE AT UKREIIF AS TOP INVESTMENT HUB



Team Cambridgeshire and Peterborough made a dynamic return to the UK's Real Estate Investment and Infrastructure Forum (UKREiIF), which was held in Leeds last week. Their presence reinforced the region's position as a top-tier destination for investment, with a compelling agenda designed to showcase its unique sectors and unparalleled opportunities to increase prosperity across the region.

Industry leaders, experts and organisations from across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough came together at UKREiIF, contributing to 12 panel sessions that showcased the region's economic strengths, thriving innovation landscape, and exceptional quality of life. Their collective efforts reinforced why Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is a prime location to live, work, study and invest.

Through dynamic discussions and meaningful engagement with key figures, Team Cambridgeshire and Peterborough made a compelling case for investment – paving the way for more jobs, greater opportunities and a stronger UK economy.

The pavilion attracted more than 527 engaged attendees, eager to explore opportunities for contributing to and thriving within the region, with most leaving their details to stay connected for on-going conversations.

UKREiIF, running from 20-22 May, attracts more than 16,000 delegates, high-profile investors, leading local authorities and senior government figures, including ministers and shadow ministers. The Combined Authority's sponsorship of an exhibition pavilion ensured the region was well represented on the national and global stage, amplifying its interests and investment prospects.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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



16 JUNE

Skills Committee
11:00am

25 JUNE

Transport Committee
11:00am

18 JUNE

Growth Committee
11:00am

30 JUNE

Funding Committee
10:00am

19 JUNE

Audit and Governance Committee
10:00am

14 JULY

Business Panel
2:30pm

24 JUNE

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
10:00am

15 JULY

Audit and Governance Committee
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](#).



'LET'S GET THINGS MOVING': MAYOR BRISTOW'S FIRST DAY BEGINS WITH ACTION

On day one, Mayor Paul Bristow announced a clear shift in direction and momentum at the Combined Authority, setting out a new approach based on pace, purpose, and delivery.



MAYOR PAUL BRISTOW MAKES STATEMENT ON FENS RESERVOIR NSIP DESIGNATION

Mayor Paul Bristow shares his views following the designation of the Fens Reservoir as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).



NUMBER 33 BUS ROUTE BETWEEN MARCH AND WHITTLESEY SAVED

The Combined Authority Board has backed Paul Bristow's proposal to step in and save a Fenland bus service and prevent communities between March and Whittlesey from being cut off.



MAYOR PAUL BRISTOW VISITED NEW FOOTBRIDGES IN CUCKOOS HOLLOW

Mayor Paul Bristow visited the new public footbridges at Cuckoos Hollow in Werrington, Peterborough, that were reopened with £620,000 of Combined Authority funding.