



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

PAUL BRISTOW MAYOR
OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER



UPDATE FROM THE MAYOR PAUL BRISOW

It has been another busy month. Over the past few weeks, I've visited businesses and organisations across our region, hearing first-hand what's working, what isn't, and how we can work together.

I was even in Liverpool, to make our case at LGA conference and make clear that mayors and combined authorities are a part of local government. It's a city that's seen economic transformation along its docks, with a real sense of civic pride. It shows what can be achieved in our regions. I'm working closely with our council leaders and constituent councils, so that our ambitions become success.

I also responded to the Government's new UK Infrastructure Strategy. While it's welcome that major projects are being planned, we still don't know where we stand on the projects in our region. I've made it clear that the Ely Junction rail upgrade

is crucial. With a return of nearly £5 for every £1 invested, it offers significantly better value than most, while unlocking faster, better trains between our three cities of Peterborough, Ely and Cambridge.

One place where nothing will be moving faster or better over the next year is Hills Road in Cambridge, where gasworks threaten gridlock, with significant consequences for bus services. I wrote to the Chief Executive of Cadent, calling for immediate measures to reduce disruption from the 11-month project. We have had some success, but more needs to be done to reduce the impact.

The Government wants Cambridge to grow. If it's serious about that, it must invest in the long-term infrastructure we need and back light rail. I'm meeting the Science Minister, Lord Vallance, who is responsible for the Cambridge to Oxford corridor, in the coming weeks.

We can get Cambridgeshire and Peterborough moving. And we will, with a lot of hard work and team work. We mean what we say: our time is now.



UPDATE FROM THE CEO ROB BRIDGE

It has been an exciting past few weeks at the Combined Authority, with recognition and collaboration taking centre stage.

We recently held a Strategic Workshop with Leaders and Chief Executives, providing a valuable opportunity to work closely with our councils in shaping our emerging Corporate Plan and exploring our wider strategic priorities. We look forward to building on the discussions from this session.

We were also proud to be recognised once again on the national stage at the LGC Awards earlier in the month, where we were shortlisted for Campaign of the Year and Most Improved Council. While we did not take home the awards, being shortlisted for a second

consecutive year is a significant achievement and something we can take pride in with recognition from our peers across the country.

In addition, we received two Highly Commended entries at the Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation Awards. This is another strong endorsement of our work and a welcome recognition.

In the spirit of acknowledging hard work and as part of our values and culture, we were also delighted to host our annual CIVIL Awards. This was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the dedication and achievements of our staff, whose commitment underpins everything we do.

This ongoing collaboration and recognition are essential to our continued success, helping to strengthen partnerships, boost morale, and keep us focused on delivering meaningful outcomes for the people of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

CREATING CHANGE: THE FIGHT FOR ELY JUNCTION



It's been over two decades since the original business case for upgrading Ely Junction was put forward – yet there has been no movement on delivery. This vital junction, connecting the East of England to the rest of the country including Felixstowe, the UK's busiest port, remains a bottleneck that stifles growth, limits capacity and holds back progress not just for the region but nationally.

Over the past month, we've been working to change that with our targeted public affairs campaign, aimed at making Ely Junction a national infrastructure priority ahead of the Comprehensive Spending Review that was

delivered on the 11th June.

While there were mentions of the region in the review and the infrastructure strategy, Ely Junction and the East are still vastly overlooked.

We have made the case loud and clear: Ely Junction is not just a regional issue – it's a national one, with undeniable benefits.

We will continue to set out clear expectations with Government on further developments

BUS FARE CHANGES FROM JULY 1 ACROSS CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH

As of Tuesday 1st July 2025, bus fares across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have changed.

After the Government increased the national fare cap to £3 from January 1st 2025, the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority chose to keep fares capped at £2 through to the end of June.

From July 1st, single fares for bus journeys within the county have increased to £2.50.

We encourage residents to stay informed and plan accordingly. If you would like posters, leaflets, or digital materials to help share this information within your community, please get in touch with us at comms@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk.

Comfort
Professionalism
On Time Price
Above and Beyond
Driving Stop Location
App Experience
Transit Connection

The reviews are in for Tiger on Demand.

Find out more about residents in West Huntingdonshire, Fenland, East Cambridgeshire and South Cambridgeshire think of the service:

WATCH NOW

TIGER BUS ROUTES IMPROVE TRAVEL ACROSS CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH



Over a month since their launch, the new Tiger bus routes are already making a positive impact on public transport across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Introduced on 27th May, the seven new routes have been helping residents, commuters and students enjoy faster, more frequent and better-connected journeys across the region.

These services represent a significant investment in bus transport across the region. With a focus on reliability, accessibility and convenience, the Tiger routes are especially valuable for communities that have historically had limited or no direct public transport links. By connecting towns, villages, business hubs, and key public services, the new routes are helping to make everyday travel simpler and more efficient.

Since the launch, there has been strong engagement from residents across the region. We are compiling initial feedback from residents to shape an initial learning review after the routes have been running for 6 months, as we continue working to improve local bus services.

If you would like to help raise awareness of these services within your communities, please get in touch with us at comms@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk. We'd be happy to provide posters, leaflets or digital content to support your efforts.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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



8 JULY

Transport Committee
10:00am

30 JULY

Growth Committee
10:00am

15 JULY

Audit and Governance Committee
10:00am

4 AUGUST

Funding Committee
10:00am

22 JULY

Combined Authority Board
10:00am

1 SEPTEMBER

Funding Committee
10:00am

28 JULY

Skills 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](#).



COMBINED AUTHORITY MARKET TOWNS FUND SUPPORTS EXPANSION OF HUNTINGDON'S CROMWELL MUSEUM

Thanks to the Combined Authority’s Market Towns programme, Huntingdon Town Council has now acquired the listed 7–8 Market Hill on the museum’s behalf, to be transformed into the museums new home.



MARCH'S BROAD STREET IMPROVEMENTS SHORTLISTED FOR NATIONAL TRANSPORT AWARD

A collaborative project to improve transport in the market town of March has been shortlisted for ‘Exemplary Approach to Active Travel & Public Space’ at the National Transport Awards 2025.



MAYOR PAUL BRISTOW SAYS CAMBRIDGE SOUTH OPENING CRUCIAL TO GETTING REGION MOVING

Mayor Paul Bristow has described Cambridge South as vital to help ‘Get Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Moving’ in a visit to the rail station construction site in June



PAUL BRISTOW TOURS LIFE SCIENCES CAMPUSES TO UNDERSTAND REGIONAL IMPACT AND INDUSTRY CHALLENGES

The Mayor visited South Cambridgeshire’s leading life science hubs to gain firsthand insight into groundbreaking scientific advancements and companies shaping the region.