

The County Council approved the 2026–29 Business Plan and Budget.

This plan and budget enables the Council to continue delivering key services; while also investing in improvements in a number of important areas, like highways.

Significant additional investment of £20 million is included for Highways, alongside other areas, as below:

Supporting a green and sustainable county

- **£20m in additional highways maintenance**, this is on top of Government funding, to provide safer, more reliable journeys for drivers, cyclists, pedestrians and bus users alike.
- Continued delivery of the Council's **Climate Change and Environment Strategy**, maintaining our leadership in sustainability and environmental action.
- **£11m investment** to upgrade the Milton and March Household Waste Recycling Centres.

Enabling full and healthy lives for all

- **£14.7m additional funding** to support adult social care providers across Cambridgeshire, helping to manage rising costs and ensuring care workers are paid the Real Living Wage.
- **£780,000 per year** to run a new children's residential home in South Cambridgeshire.
- Ongoing investment through the **Families First programme**, an early-intervention project that helps keep more families together and is supported by the £6.7 million Children's, Families and Youth Grant.

Ensuring fairness and opportunity

- **£1m** to enable transitional funding for the current holiday meal vouchers through to summer 2026 for the children and families who continue to need this support.
- A new **£5m Crisis and Resilience Fund**, providing practical support to people, offsetting the Government's withdrawal of funding for the Household Support Fund. Our approach to using this fund will focus upon the recommendations from the Cambridgeshire Poverty Commission and will seek to apply a wider range of Anti-Poverty measures.
- More than **£1.2m** invested in libraries and archives over the next two years, recognising the continued importance of libraries being at the heart of communities and helping to bring our services in the broadest sense, closer to people.

The approved Business Plan and Budget also include major investment in education, including **3,500 new primary school places** and **£72m** invested over five years for additional secondary school capacity, and continued support for vulnerable children and families.

I hope this helps to clarify.

Kind regards

David.

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