

Local Government Reorganisation

- Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government relied on PwC analysis.
- New analysis shows unitary reorganisation could cost £850m over 5 years with no long-term savings.

Adults & Health

- **Cambridge Children's Hospital:** Bouygues UK appointed as contractor; first specialist children's hospital in the East of England; construction within 18 months.
- **Adult Social Care rated "Good" by CQC:** praised for prevention, reablement, leadership, and staff wellbeing.
 - Improvements needed: direct payments uptake, equity and inclusion, unpaid carers support, transition to adult services.
- **Integrated Care Boards (ICBs):** must cut costs by 50%; redundancies expected; funding gaps create major challenges.
- **Healthwatch Summit:** 8 Oct 2025, focus on mental health access, free and open to all.

Children & Young People

- **Care leavers:** Ofsted notes improvements in support, education, employment opportunities, and Staying Put arrangements.
 - Areas needing work: supervision quality, pathway planning, suitable accommodation.
- **Foster Carers Recruitment:** council appealing for new foster carers (short-term, long-term, respite).

Communities, Social Mobility & Inclusion

- **Dementia Friendly Communities:** support groups and activities in Ely, Littleport, Soham.
- **Cambridgeshire Skills:** wide range of local courses (English, maths, horticulture, counselling, etc.) available.

Highways & Transport

- **Roadworks enforcement:** £483k fines issued to utility companies/developers in 2024–25.
- Exploring **lane rental scheme** to charge for highway occupation.
- **Concerns over excessive signage:** misleading closures in Little Downham/Pymoor being challenged.
- **Welney Wetland Centre shuttle bus:** free trial from Ely station (Sept–Nov 2025).
- **Aurora Highways System:** new asset management system launches 22 Sept; promises better tracking, updates, and efficiency.
- Roadworks programme available online.

Cambridg 25 (proposal)

- Proposals for Cambridge 25. A high-quality employment park with nature at the heart of the design approach.
- Two in-person drop-in events locally which you would be welcome to attend:
- **Bar Hill –** Bar Hill Village Hall, CB23 8SU on **Friday 12th September** between **12pm and 6.30pm**
- **Northstowe –** The Cabin Community Centre on **Saturday 13th September** between **2.30pm and 6.30pm**