

July 2026 District Councillors' report to Parish Councils

Two committee meetings were held this past month.

Operational Services on 22 June

- Community Safety Partnership report was presented and noted
- Budget report for the previous financial year showed an underspend of £476,084 for the year, but some of this was due to bills not yet paid. The capital spend was also under budget by £5,572,775, but some expenditure was not yet billed.
- Register of Buildings of Local Interest, for buildings or neighbourhoods that were interesting but not meriting a National Grade, was presented and noted.
- Performance Report for the Waste and Street Cleansing Services showed marginal improvement in performance.
- A report on the new waste bin strategy was presented and it showed that the service had been delivered quite well, with a few teething problems.
- The Long Term Empty Homes Strategy was debated, and it was agreed that it should be forwarded to Full Council.

Finance and Assets on 25 June

- The Climate and Nature Monitoring Report was presented and accepted.
- A grant of up to £100,000 from the Community Infrastructure Levy funding was allocated to the Viva Arts and Community Group Theatre in Soham.
- A new fee for Planning was introduced to give some limited time to give guidance on possible applications without the formality of a pre-app or full application.
- Progress on the Mepal Crematorium was presented and noted.
- The Council's Proposed Business Grant Scheme for capital grants to small businesses was approved.
- This Committee has a year-end underspend of £1,331,912 when compared to its approved revenue budget of £7,969,054. Most of this was due to savings on staff salaries because of staff not being replaced immediately.

Councillors Charlotte Cane MP and John Trapp