

25 February 2022

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Dear Sir

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference CA151**

With reference to your request for information received on 1 February 2022 reference CA151, please find the response provided below.

**Request**

*I am writing to request all information held in relation to the application made to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority by Cambridge City Council and/or South Cambridgeshire District Council concerning funding for the Chalk Streams Project. This application was considered by the Combined Authority on 26 January 2022.*

**Response**

At the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board meeting held on 26 January 2022, the Chalk Streams Project, a new project that had funding set aside for it was considered. The project proposal was submitted to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) by Cambridge City Council (CCC) on behalf of itself and South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC). At present we are at the early stages of the project development process (referred to by the CPCA as its 'Assurance Framework'). In order to access the funding and start the project properly, officers at CCC/SCDC will need to prepare at least two more documents:

- a) a project initiation document (PID), and
- b) A full business case (FBC).

The FBC will go to one of the CPCA public committees or possibly the CPCA full Board for final approval. It is at those two stages that full written descriptions of the project will be available, including the project activities and the proposed benefits of the work.

For the Board stage, which has just taken place, the attached was received from CCC/SCDC. This was a standard proposal template for projects for this budget round, a 150-word description of the proposed project together with a proposed budget and a scoring against CPCA priorities which was agreed together with CCC officers. This is very much an outline at this stage with the further steps outlined above providing much more detail.

I hope this information is helpful but if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review, you should write

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to us via our contact us email address – [democratic.services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk) or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, the Mayor's Office, 72 Market Street, Ely, Cambs CB7 4LS within 40 days of the date of this e-mail.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, or via their website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Generally, the ICO will not undertake a review or make a decision on a request until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely



**Sue Hall**  
Governance Assistant



## Budget 2022/23 and Medium-Term Financial Plan – Pipeline proposals

### LOGLIST PROPOSAL [ serial no. ]

**TITLE** Greater Cambridge Chalk Stream Project

#### SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The chalk streams of Greater Cambridge are of international importance and their restoration is fundamental to addressing both Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils declared Biodiversity and Climate emergencies. The chalk aquifer which feeds these unique watercourses also supply the regions drinking water and therefore their health is directly related to viability of future planned housing and economic growth.

A 2020 BCN Wildlife Trust and Wild Trout Trust audit report identified the key threats and opportunities for 17 key chalk streams in the area. Whilst recognising that future alternative water supply provision was crucial to reinstate more natural flow regimes, in the interim over 100 projects were identified that would make the chalk streams and the species they support more resilient to lower flows.

Proposed projects range from specified physical restoration, offering management advice to landowners and further feasibly work such as removal of weirs to aid fish passage.

[150 words]

Link for further information, Chalk Steam Audit and costed Project list:

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/chalk-streams>

#### FINANCIALS

£'000	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
Capital	150	150	150	150
Revenue	50	50	50	50

#### THEMATIC SCORING

	Context		GVA	Six Themes							
	Business Case approved by Board?	Specific Devo Deal Mention?		Climate and Nature		infrastructure	Knowledge	Health & Skills		Social	Finance and systems
				Climate Change	All Other			Health	Skills		
Project	No	No	3	2	4	2	3	3	3	3	2

*To be completed with assistance from Mike Soper.*

#### SPONSORING ORGANISATION

Cambridge City Council and South Cambs District Council