

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY
2015**

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**South
Cambridgeshire
District Council**

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 29 January to 13 February 2015

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 29 Jan	10am	Employment Committee	Swansley Room A	Graham Watts
	11am	Leader's Portfolio Holder	Swansley Room B	Patrick Adams
	2pm	Council	Council Chamber	Graham Watts
Fri 30 Jan				
Mon 2 Feb	Midnight	Deadline for registering to speak at Planning Committee		
Tue 3 Feb	2pm	Planning Portfolio Holder's Meeting	Monkfield Room	Ian Senior
Wed 4 Feb	10am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 5 Feb				
Fri 6 Feb				
Mon 9 Feb				
Tue 10 Feb	6pm	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Wed 11 Feb				
Thu 12 Feb	2pm	Cabinet	Swansley Room	Maggie Jennings (agenda)
Fri 13 Feb				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2. Open for Business Magazine

Please click on the link below for January's edition of "Open for Business" a council-led e-newsletter offering practical ideas, tailored advice, news and information for businesses in South Cambs:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/open-for-business>

GENERAL INFORMATION

3. Media Monitoring



Arising from the results of the Member Communication Needs Survey, many members highlighted the fact that residents found out about SCDC matters through the media.

The Council's Communications Team will produce a weekly summary of recent news items to be published in the Bulletin to help keep members informed of recent coverage of SCDC.

Contact the [Communications Team](#) for further information.

Date	Publication	Details	
21/01/2015	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Ice rink plans for edge of Cambridge	
21/01/2015	Cambridge News and online	Single team of planners to shape three districts	P14 and link
22/01/2015	Cambridge News	Abbey will remain the home of the U's	P1, 6 and link
22/01/2015	Cambridge News	Time to kick off fresh debate (Opinion piece - U's home)	P6
22/01/2015	Cambridge News	Council to hold own exhibition for houses (Melbourn PC)	P9
22/01/2015	Heart Radio and online	Cambridge United To Stay At Abbey Stadium	Link
22/01/2015	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cambridge United To Stay At Abbey Stadium	
23/01/2015	Cambridge News	Fans happy United set to stay at the Abbey	P5
23/01/2015	Cambridge News and online	Cambridge United remaining at the Abbey: 'I'd love to stay there until the day I die', says CFU chairman Dave Matthew-Jones	P61 and link
24/01/2015	Cambridge News	University's green light for 'social' market square	P6
24/01/2015	Cambridge News	Be flexible over new sites (letter - Cllr Lockwood)	P14
26/01/2015	Cambridge News	Tunnels may provide the great escape (City Deal)	P1 and 6
26/01/2015	Cambridge News	Tunnels idea may well go down well (opinion piece)	P6
26/01/2015	Cambridge News and online	New powers to tackle raves (SCDC work with Police)	P45 and link
27/01/2015	Cambridge News and online	New Northstowe community forum	P7 and link
27/01/2015	Cambridge News	Tribute to dad killed on A505 (Cllr Topping quoted)	P9
27/01/2015	Cambridge News	City Deal aims to match young skills to employers	P12
27/01/2015	Cambridge News	Power to control our destiny	P17
27/01/2015	Heart Radio and online	Arrests follow raid at A14 car wash	Link

4. Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)



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The Local Government Association provides a list of news headlines relevant to its members. Please click the headlines below for more details.

Thursday 22 January 2015: *Telegraph*: [Ministers lose automatic ban on gypsies building on Green Belt](#)

Travellers will no longer automatically be banned from setting up camp on Green Belt land after the High Court ruled that the Government has been discriminating against them.

Thursday 22 January 2015: *Telegraph*: [Right to Buy could be extended to housing association property](#)

Millions of working Britons will be able to buy the homes they live in at a discounted price under a new right-to-buy scheme being pushed by senior Conservative ministers.

Thursday 22 January 2015: *Times*: [Councils plan to defy freeze and raise bills](#)

Nearly half of all local authorities are planning to increase council tax in the run-up to the election.

Thursday 22 January 2015: *Mail*: [Council Tax "could raise £3.5 billion more than mansion tax"](#)

Council tax reforms would be "fairer" and raise four times more than Labour's mansion tax, the Centre for Economic and Business Research has claimed.

Friday 23 January 2015: *Telegraph*: [Travellers must prove they are “nomadic”](#)
Travellers must prove they are actually “travelling” under a new Government clampdown to stop them setting up camps on Green Belt.

Sunday 25 January 2015: *Observer*: [Figures reveal Coalition broke right-to-buy pledge](#)
Only one new affordable home has been built for more than every five sold under the Government’s revitalised right-to-buy scheme, according to official figures.

Monday 26 January 2015: *Guardian*: [Council to cut rates for firms paying the living wage](#)
Brent Council hopes to become the first in Britain to offer business rate discounts to companies that pay the living wage.

Tuesday 27 January 2015: *Daily Mail*: [Council tax snoopers barred from homes](#)
Thousands of council tax inspectors will be stripped of their right to go into homes under laws published today.

5. Weekly Planning List



To view the list of planning applications submitted in the past seven days, please visit the Council’s on-line [Planning Application Search](#). Once the page has loaded, select the [Planning Weekly List option](#) to see planning applications determined or registered each week for the past ten weeks, or use the [Search option](#) to set your own criteria.



The system will provide a range of information on current and decided applications since 1948, including a brief description of the development, reference number, decision and the date of decision. More recent applications show the name and telephone number of the council officer who is dealing with the application.

Search results are presented in a collection of pages, the number of which depends on the number of results your search produces. There are navigation tools to allow you to browse your results.

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY 2015



In accordance with the [Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Council’s Constitution](#), any executive decision shall be published normally within five days of being made. That record will bear the date on which it is published and will specify that the decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 5 working days after the publication of the decision, unless called in for review by the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee or by any five other councillors.

A list of decisions currently within the call-in period is available [on the Council’s website](#).

The call in procedure is set out in full in [Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, 'Scrutiny and Overview Committee Procedure Rules'](#).

6. Write-Offs 2014/15

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder **agreed** to write off the debt of the amount of £57,900.41 owed by Papworth Specialist Vehicles Limited (In Liquidation).

This decision was first published on 22 January and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Thursday 29 January. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 30 January.

DECISIONS MADE BY OFFICERS AND REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

Please click on the link below to find details of decisions made by officers under delegated authority:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/access-information>

OTHER INFORMATION

7. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Leader's Portfolio Meeting 29 Jan](#)
- [Employment Committee 29 Jan](#)
- [Council 29 Jan](#)
- [Planning Portfolio Holder 3 Feb](#)

Decisions

- [Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder 20 Jan](#)

Minutes

- [Civic Affairs Committee 15 Jan](#)



Issues

- [Write-offs 2014/15](#)
- [Size, Terms of reference & appointments to Committee for 2015/16](#)
- [Appointments to Outside, Joint and other Member Bodies for 2015/16](#)
- [Joint Annual Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Partnerships Review Committee Report](#)
- [Major Opposition Group Leader's Annual Report](#)

8. SCDC Starters and Leavers



Staff who will be leaving

Name: Anne Rayment

Job title: Customer & Business Services Officer

Date leaving: 31 January 2015

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