

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY
2015**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 19 February to Thursday 5 March 2015

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 19 Feb				
Fri 20 Feb				
Mon 23 Feb				
Tue 24 Feb				
Wed 25 Feb	2pm	Environmental Services Portfolio Holder Meeting	Jeavons Room	Patrick Adams
	2pm	Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 26 Feb	2pm	Council	Council Chamber	Graham Watts
Fri 27 Feb				
Mon 2 Mar		Deadline for registering to speak at Planning Committee		
Tue 3 Mar				
Wed 4 Mar	10am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 5 Mar	7pm	Community Annual Awards Celebration	Council Chamber	
Fri 6 Mar	10am	Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly	Guildhall – City Council	Graham Watts

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2. Community Right to Bid - Assets of Community Value



Following an internal review, the Council has upheld its decision to list The Three Tuns Public House, Guilden Morden as an Asset of Community Value.

The decision notice can be viewed here:
<https://www.scams.gov.uk/community-right-bid>

UPCOMING DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Unless otherwise specified, please confirm your availability to attend any of the following briefing or training events by contacting [Patrick Adams](#) on 01954 713408. This will ensure your training records are kept up to date and suitable venue and catering booking can be made. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

3. A14 Seminars - Developing the Response to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Scheme

Officers from Cambridgeshire County Council will be holding further Member seminars on various aspects of the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme. The seminars will outline issues the Councils may like to consider in the development of their formal response to the A14 Scheme. The seminars will take the format of a presentation followed by a question and

answer session.

Seminar 1: Environmental Impacts and Legacy of the scheme

Date: 9 March 2015 from 4pm to 6pm

Venue: Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, Huntingdonshire District Council, St Marys Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN

Seminar 2: Traffic and Design

Date: 23 March 2015 from 4pm to 6pm

Location: Kreis Viersen room, Shire Hall, Cambridgeshire County Council, Castle Hill, Cambridge

To book a place contact [Claire Spencer](#) Senior Planning Policy Officer on: 01954 713418.

4. Safety Training for Councillors

The County Council is organising two personal safety training sessions on **Tuesday, 3rd March** in the KV Room in Shire Hall at the following times:

10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. or

5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

With elections looming, these sessions will focus on risks inherent in canvassing. The course objectives are as follows:

- awareness of the importance of personal safety in your role as Councillor
- guidance on reducing and controlling personal safety risks
- practical skills and strategies to avoid or manage situations that may threaten your personal safety

As the course is being run by County Council officers it is being offered free of charge. If you wish to book a place on this course, please contact me by 5pm this Friday (20 Feb) by email: Patrick.adams@scamb.gov.uk or phone: 01954 713408

GENERAL INFORMATION

5. 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	
11/02/2015	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	MoD bosses further discussed Bassingbourn Libyan troops	
11/02/2015	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Residents of Harston interviewed about a pending planning application concerning a proposed Tesco.	

11/02/2015	Cambridge News	City's bio-boom justifies building on green belt (developer at local plan hearings)	P6
11/02/2015	Cambridge News	Build on our brown field land first (opinion piece)	P6
11/02/2015	Cambridge News	Libyans: calls for inquiry	P7
11/02/2015	Cambridge News - Cambourne edition	City's bio-boom justifies building on green belt (developer at local plan hearings)	P6
11/02/2015	Cambridge News - Cambourne edition	Build on our brown field land first (opinion piece)	P6
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11/02/2015	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Nick Wright interviewed about government move to safeguard 'vital' pubs	
11/02/2015	Cambridge News online	Could organs be grown in Cambridgeshire? Mystery shrouds plans for Europe's 'largest' medical research centre in Sawston	Link
12/02/2015	Cambridge News and online	MoD 'signed off on Libyan troop trips'	P1 and link
12/02/2015	Cambridge News	Cadets' trips 'approved' by MoD despite risks	P4
12/02/2015	Cambridge News	Councillors hail 'positive' meeting with officials	P4
12/02/2015	Cambridge News	Keep pushing for Libyan answers (opinion piece)	P6
12/02/2015	Cambridge News	New help could protect village pubs	P12
12/02/2015	Cambridge News	Medical facilities 'Europe's largest'	P16
12/02/2015	Cambridge News	Community orchard to be planted in village	P17
12/02/2015	Cambridge News online	100 new jobs as Kier starts work on its new Cambridge offices (Cllr Hockney quoted)	Link
12/02/2015	Royston Crow	'Green walkway' plans clarified after application to fell trees	P5
13/02/2015	Royston Crow online	Sigh of relief in Thriplow - plans clarified over fears 'green walkway' would be destroyed	Link
14/02/2015	Cambridge News	Investment plan is way to protect services	P4
14/02/2015	Cambridge News	By-election sees seat held by conservatives (SCDC ran election)	P4
14/02/2015	Cambridge News	Science Park Station is delayed by seven months	P4
15/02/2015	Sunday Times - home	Worth a punt (feature on Cambridge and South Cambs housing)	P7
15/02/2015	Cambridge News and online	Straw bale eco-village plan for city	P1, 6 and link
15/02/2015	Cambridge News	Volunteers make sure orchard will be buzzing	P4
15/02/2015	Cambridge News	Back the green village scheme (opinion piece)	P6
17/02/2015	Cambridge News	Levy will spark huge protests (opinion piece)	P6
17/02/2015	Cambridge News	Businesses face parking charges (City Deal option)	P9
17/02/2015	Cambridge News and online	City will honour its war heroes	P14 and link
18/02/2015	Cambridge News	New junction before new homes (Views given to Local Plan inspector)	P7
18/02/2015	Cambridge News - Cambourne edition	New junction before new homes (Views given to Local Plan inspector)	P7

6. 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 12 February: *Guardian*: [Greater Manchester's devolution deal](#)

The Guardian's Simon Jenkins tell the inside story of the secret negotiations that led to Greater Manchester's devolution deal with an interview with Manchester City Council's Chief Executive Sir Howard Bernstein.

Thursday 12 February: *Times*: [Get a free house for coming off benefits](#)

Millions of houses would be "given away" to low-paid workers under Tory plans to reward people who come off benefits.

Friday 13 February: *Daily Mail*: [Study exposes worst areas for restaurants with poor hygiene](#)

Consumer group Which? Claims eating out has become a "postcode lottery" with councils in some areas letting the owners of restaurants, café and takeaway get away with putting customers at risk.

Friday 13 February: *Telegraph*: [Garden villages built by councils could lead to a million new homes](#)

Councils should be handed new powers to create their own "garden villages", the Coalition's former planning adviser has proposed in a move that could trigger a million new houses being built across Britain.

Wednesday 18 February: *BBC Online*: [Devolution sought to save public services](#)

Public services could "collapse" unless councils get new funding powers, experts say.

7. 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.



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'](#).

8. Local Government Finance Settlement Update

Cabinet

- a) Noted the Council's provisional outturn position, together with the performance and risk matters set out in the report, and **APPROVED** the virement of £20,000 to the Community Chest.
- b) **APPROVED** the Strategic Risk Register and Matrix set out in Appendices D to E of the report.

These decisions were first published on Friday 13 February and so the deadline for call-in is Friday 20 February at 5pm. If not called-in these decisions can be implemented on Monday 23 February.

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

9. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting 25 February](#)
- [Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee 25 February](#)

Decisions

- [Cabinet 12 February](#)

Minutes

- [Council 29 January](#)
- [Planning Committee 4 February](#)
- [Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee 28 January](#)
- [Employment Committee 29 January](#)

10. SCDC Starters and Leavers



Staff who have moved/will be moving jobs

Name: Peter Moston
Old job: Under Occupation Officer
New job: Resident Involvement Team Leader
Date transferred: 26 January 2015

Name: John Garnham
Old job: Head of Finance, Policy and Performance
New job: Principal Accountant General Fund & Projects
Date transferring: 9 March 2015



Staff who have left/ will be leaving

Name: Gareth Kerslake
Job: Fraud Officer
Date leaving: 28 February 2015

Name: Christopher Freeman
Job: Fraud Manager
Date leaving: 28 February 2015