

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY  
2015**



South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

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**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 26 February to Friday 13 March 2015**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 26 Feb	2pm	<a href="#">Council</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Graham Watts</a>
Fri 27 Feb				
Mon 2 Mar	Deadline for registering to speak at Planning Committee			
Tue 3 Mar				
Wed 4 Mar	10am	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Thu 5 Mar				
Fri 6 Mar	10am	<a href="#">Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly</a>	The Guildhall, Cambridge City	<a href="#">Graham Watts</a>
Mon 9 Mar				
Tue 10 Mar	10am	<a href="#">Planning Portfolio Holder's Meeting</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Wed 11 Mar	10am	<a href="#">Leader's Portfolio Holder</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
	2pm	<a href="#">Economic Development Portfolio Holder's Meeting</a>	Monkfield Room	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Thu 12 Mar				
Fri 13 Mar				

**INFORMATION FOR PARISH & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**2. Environmental Services Satisfaction Survey**



The Annual Environmental Services Satisfaction Survey is now available on the website. The survey covers a range of services including bin collection, street cleaning and graffiti removal.

The survey is conducted each year to gather feedback from residents about these services and will be promoted in the Spring edition of the South Cambs Magazine.

**Residents can take part by:**

- Visiting [www.scams.gov.uk/EnvServSurvey](http://www.scams.gov.uk/EnvServSurvey) and answering a few quick questions
- Calling 01954 713 258 to request a paper survey

**3. Consultation on the Re-opening of a Post Office in Duxford**



The Post Office are starting a six week consultation on the proposal to open a branch at the United Reformed Church on Chapel Street in Duxford, to replace the branch that closed in May 2013 on St Peters Street.

Opening hours to be:

Monday: 10:00-12:30

Tuesday: 09:30-12:00

Consultation ends on 9 April 2015.

To respond to the consultation go to the website:

[www.postofficeviews.co.uk](http://www.postofficeviews.co.uk) and enter the code: 7911399

**4. Neighbourhood Plans - Gamlingay Neighbourhood Area**

On 3 February 2015 the Council designated the Gamlingay Neighbourhood Area.

Decision paperwork and the application can be found on our website

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning> along with a map of the area designated.

For more information about Neighbourhood Planning, please contact Alison Talkington on 01954 713182.

**5. Asset of Community Value: Proposal to sell land in Haslingfield**

The Council has received notification of intention to sell a parcel of land that is part of a listed Asset of Community Value.

The parcel of land is part of The Little Rose, Public House, Haslingfield. It entered a moratorium period on 24 Feb 2015, which ends on 7 April 2015.

This six week period allows eligible local groups to submit an intention to bid for the land concerned (using a form available from the Council). For clarity, the sale concerns only part of the site and not the public house itself, which remains on the list of Assets. Details of the site can be found on the website 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](mailto:Patrick.Adams@scams.gov.uk) 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.

**6. 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.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 7. 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	
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
19/02/2015	Cambridge News	Let there be light... soon (letter - Cllr Kindersley)	P22
20/02/2015	Heart Radio	Final day to have your say on develop proposals for homes at Cambourne	
20/02/2015	Royston Crow online	Fears raised over plans for 'stinking' food plant near Shepreth	<a href="#">Link</a>
20/02/2015	Cambridge News	Prime Minister tells Cambridge 'we want you to come back to us' (SCDC budget cuts mentioned)	P4
20/02/2015	Cambridge News	City's speeding Britain along in global economy (City Deal included)	P5
20/02/2015	Cambridge News	Local Plan hearings to resume next month	P8
20/02/2015	Cambridge News and link	How much fuel we burn up is revealed	<a href="#">P8 and link</a>
20/02/2015	Cambridge News	Wind farms not wanted (letter)	P24
20/02/2015	Wisbech Standard	Events across Cambs will mark end of 2nd world war	P14
20/02/2015	Cambs Times	Events across Cambs will mark end of 2nd world war	P14
21/02/2015	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Waters interviewed about the water vole clean up work taking place in Bar Hill	
21/02/2015	Cambridge News	Nature reserve clean up plan for water voles	P4
22/02/2015	Cambridge News online	Five Cambridgeshire fraudsters must repay £50k to council after false claims	<a href="#">Link</a>
23/02/2015	Cambridge News	Give drivers a decent choice (opinion piece - City Deal)	P6
23/02/2015	Cambridge News	Five fraudsters to repay £50k	P9
23/02/2015	Cambridge News	Car commuting into the city is taking longer (City Deal mention)	P11
23/02/2015	Cambridge News	Chiefs in firing line over 'lack of detail' to projects	<a href="#">P13 and link</a>
23/02/2015	Wisbech Standard online	Events planned throughout Cambridgeshire to commemorate 70 years since end of Second World War	<a href="#">Link</a>
24/02/2015	Cambridge News	Meeting on bid for eco-village	P12
24/02/2015	Cambridge News and online	New homes miss area build target	<a href="#">P14 and link</a>

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



### Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)

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

Thursday 19 February: *BBC Online*: ["Not enough money for Councils"](#)

More than half of England's councils say they will not have enough money to provide essential services in the next financial year, a survey has found.

Thursday 19 February: *The Times*: [One council house is built to replace every 21 sold to tenants](#)

Only one new home is being provided to replace every 21 that are being sold to tenants under the Right-to-Buy scheme.

Friday 20 February: *BBC Online*: [Northamptonshire County Council outsources services and redeploys staff](#)

Plans to outsource all services and make cuts of £68 million have been approved by Northamptonshire County Council.

Saturday 21 February: *Telegraph*: [Cut number of takeaway shops to save thousands of lives, councils are told](#)

Two in three deaths of under 75s could be prevented, health watchdogs have warned as they call on councils to limit fast food outlets and do more to combat smoking and alcohol.

Saturday 21 February: *Times*: [Councils' tenants to be paid £30k to move out](#)

Council house tenants will be given a cash sum of up to £30,000 to move out and buy a home on the open market under a scheme announced by the Chancellor yesterday.

Tuesday 24 February: *Telegraph*: [Council's £3 million scheme to turn country house into gipsy camp](#)

Cheshire East Council has been criticised over plans to spend £3.2 million turning a former 19<sup>th</sup> century country mansion into a camp and toilet block for gypsies.

## 9. 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 18 FEBRUARY 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'](#).

#### 10. Section 106 Obligations following Ministerial Statement of 28 November 2014

The Planning Portfolio Holder

##### AGREED

To take the following action regarding the issuing of planning permissions for sites of fewer than 11 homes with a combined gross floor space of 1,000 square metres, as follows:

- a) To issue permissions without a s106 agreement, in accordance with government policy.  
- This option would enable planning permissions to be issued in a timely manner. It would have the effect of bringing forward the position for community infrastructure payments from 1 April 2015 to the date of this decision.
- b) To use a Condition requiring an Affordable Housing Scheme be used for all planning permissions where such a contribution would have been required through a s106 agreement.

Further, that the Council write to DCLG outlining the impact of the 'Rule of 5', and seeking an extension to October 2015 (extra six months). Government had originally set a date of April 2014, and then extended this by twelve months.

N.B. There are a number of permissions where the Planning Committee resolved to grant permission subject to the satisfactory resolution of a s106 agreement. The Planning Committee shall be asked to ratify what the Portfolio holder had agreed as an expediency.

Please note that the Chairman of Council and the Chairman of Scrutiny and Overview Committee have agreed that the call-in process be waived in this matter as there is an urgent need to confirm the way forward for approximately 140 planning consents that are awaiting s106 agreements.

## 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

### 11. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



#### Agendas

- [Council 26 Feb](#)

#### Decisions

- [Section 106 Obligation following Ministerial Statement](#)

#### Minutes

- [Scrutiny & Overview Committee 10 Feb](#)
- [Cabinet 12 Feb](#)

#### Library Items & Issues published

- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Forward Plan – March 2015](#)
- [Eltisley: Disposal of 14 St Neots Road](#)

#### Plans

- [Cabinet's Forward Plan](#)