

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER
2016**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 29 September to Friday 14 October

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 29 Sep	4pm	Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly	Council Chamber Swansley Room	Graham Watts
	5pm	Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting		Patrick Adams
Fri 30 Sep	9:30am	Audit and Corporate Governance Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
Mon 3 Oct				
Tue 4 Oct				
Wed 5 Oct	9:45am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 6 Oct				
Fri 7 Oct				
Mon 10 Oct				
Tue 11 Oct				
Wed 12 Oct				
Thu 13 Oct	4pm	Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board	Council Chamber	Graham Watts
Fri 14 Oct				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2. Extension of Deadline: Consultation of Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Area

South Cambridgeshire District Council has received a joint application from Stapleford and Great Shelford Parish Councils to have their two parishes designated as a neighbourhood area' with a view to developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Public consultation on this application began on **Monday 5 September 2016**. Unfortunately some relevant consultees were not informed of the start of the consultation so the Council has extended the deadline for when comments can be made to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to comment.

The application by Stapleford and Great Shelford Parish Councils and more general information on Neighbourhood Planning can be viewed on our website:
<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/services/neighbourhood-planning>

Comments must be received by the Council **no later than 5pm on Wednesday 2 November 2016**.

For more information on this application contact the Planning Policy Team via neighbourhood.planning@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713182.

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. Visit to Waterbeach Depot - Thu 29 September

A joint visit to the Shared Waste Management Facility at Waterbeach, involving councillors from both Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, has been arranged for 10am on Thursday 29 September and is expected to last about two hours.

The tour will include an inspection of the Mechanical Biological Treatment, the composting and the recycling facility.

4. Devolution Briefing for Distribution Councillors - Thu 13 October

District Councillors are invited to attend a briefing on Thursday 13 October at 6pm in the Swansley Room on the Government's devolution proposals for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

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		
21/09/2016	Cambridge Independent	Deputy will be South Cambs chief	P4	
21/09/2016	Cambridge Independent	£1.85m loan will help Ice Arena slip to next stage	P9	
21/09/2016	Cambridge Independent	Appoint more apprentices, council urges business	P13	
23/09/2016	Cambridge News	City Deal officials defend 'unpopular' busway plan	P5	City Deal related
23/09/2016	Cambridge News	Keep our streets open'	P6	City Deal related
23/09/2016	Cambridge News	Traffic remains a big issue to be resolved in our flourishing city	P8	City Deal related
23/09/2016	Cambridge News	Two letters about the City Deal	P21	
24/09/2016	Cambridge News	It's official - city is most highly skilled in Europe	P2	City Deal and devolution mentioned
24/09/2016	Cambridge News	City Deal: your questions answered	P4 and 5	
24/09/2016	Cambridge	Rink bid no longer on ice after £1.85m	P6	

	News	loan	
26/09/2016	Cambridge News	Letters x 2 about City Deal	P16

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 22 September: *Independent*: [Councils warned over debt levels](#)

A report into local government finance by the credit agency Moody's has warned that some council's plans to borrow to invest in commercial projects risk building up dangerous levels of debt.

Thursday 22 September: *Mail*: [5,000 suspended in public sector](#)

Freedom of Information requests made by ITV programme "Suspended: Britain's Pay Scandal?", which airs tonight has found that more than 5,000 police, NHS and council staff have been suspended on full pay in the last three years.

Friday 23 September: *i news*: [Council house sales highest in a decade](#)

The first quarter sales of council homes in England under the Right to Buy scheme have reached the highest level for a decade, according to government figures.

Saturday 24 September: *Guardian*: [Treasury pressed to guarantee all funding for EU projects post-Brexit](#)

The Treasury is facing calls to honour Boris Johnson's promise to guarantee all funding for EU programmes after Brexit until at least 2020.

Saturday 24 September: *Mirror Online*: [Only one in eight council homes sold under Right to Buy is being replaced](#)

Only one in eight council homes sold off under the Right to Buy programme is being replaced, despite promises to rebuild them "one-for-one".

Monday 26 September: *i Paper*: [Labour would scrap Right to Buy](#)

The Shadow Housing Minister Teresa Pearce has told the Labour conference that her party would suspend Right to Buy and make three-year leases "the norm" in the private rented sector.

Monday 26 September: *Times*: [Public sector payoffs capped at £95,000](#)

Ministers are to press ahead with plans to cap public sector "golden goodbyes" that the Government claims to save the taxpayer £250 million a year.

Tuesday 27 September: *Guardian*: [Push for display of hygiene rating](#)

The Chair of the Communities and Local Government Select Committee, Clive Betts MP, has said that stricter rules are needed to force restaurants to display their food hygiene scores after a Guardian investigation found that one in seven had failed their most recent inspection.

Tuesday 27 September: *Mail*: [Polluted air poses health risk to 9 in 10](#)

Research carried out by Bath University has found that more than 90 per cent of the UK's population lives in areas where air pollution exceeds levels deemed "safe" by the World Health Organisation.

7. View Planning Applications



To view the list of planning applications that have recently been submitted to the Council, please visit the authority's on-line [Planning Application Search](#). Once the page has loaded, you can use the [Search option](#) to set your own criteria of parish, area and date range.



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 SEPTEMBER



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. Community Chest: Funding Applications

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder **AGREED** the following:

Community Chest Applications: Re-submitted following deferral

Name of applicant	Project description	Total cost of project (£)	Total awarded (£)
Great Shelford Parish Council	To set up new team for young adults providing a structured evening activity for this age	£2,500	£600 for kit sponsored by South Cambridgeshire District Council (displaying

	group within the village		brand)
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Community Chest Applications: 1 August 2016 to 2 September 2016

Name of applicant	Project description	Total cost of project (£)	Total awarded (£)
Barton Parish Council	To replace sub-standard bus shelter with a unique weatherproof structure using traditional materials that demonstrate some of the rural building techniques available in the village	£2,200	£1,500
Carers Trust Cambridgeshire	To purchase activity equipment for elderly for use at Great Shelford Dementia support group sessions including arts and craft materials, percussion instruments, specialist tableware, tactile resources and items such as books, toys, a camera and cd player	£2,881.87	£1,500
Balsham Parish Council	To purchase fruit trees and hedging to start a community orchard	£3,000	£1,500
Willingham Parish Council	To tarmac three areas around the QEII field to improve accessibility - entrance to playing field and two entrances to under 5's play area	£3,420.00	£1,500
Cambourne Church	To provide purpose built storage at the Blue School to store emergency food aid for foodbank and play equipment for toy library	£3,068.69	£1,500
Foxton Parish Council	To purchase and install a drinking fountain near the skate park on the recreation ground	£1,448	£1,448
Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall & Recreation Ground Trustees	To purchase and fit a wooden shutter to the servery to reduce noise transference and three hand driers to reduce ongoing costs for disposable towels at the newly completed Memorial Hall	£1,620	£1,500

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder refused the following applications:

Name of applicant	Project description	Total cost of project (and amount applied for) (£)	Reason for refusal
La Dante In Cambridge	To purchase musical instruments and books to establish community music school for children and adults	£1,405 (£1,400)	A preference for focussing on South Cambridgeshire, especially when funds are limited

Balsham Colts Football Club	To purchase a generator to enable provision of refreshments during football season and generation of income to cover future club costs	£900 (£900)	The Community Chest Scheme funds a maximum of three projects each year in any one year. Balsham has benefitted from three awards during 2016-17.
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The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder deferred the following applications:

Name of applicant	Project description	Total cost of project (and amount applied for) (£)	Reason for deferral
Longstanton Air Training Corps	To purchase marching band equipment providing opportunity for Cadets learn an instrument and develop new skills	£2,503.77 (£1,500)	More detailed information needed
Chapel Orchard Community Group, Orwell	To renovate pathways and footbridges before next winter to ensure passable particularly for pushchair, wheelchair and electric scooter users - recut path edges, scrape surfaces and compact new limestone layer	£2,415 (£1,500)	Information needed as to ownership of the pathways. If they are Public Rights of Way, maintenance is the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council.

This decision was first published on Wednesday 21 September and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 28 September 2016. If not called-in the decision can be implemented on Thursday 29 September.

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 29 Sept](#)
- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly 29 Sept](#)
- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board 13 Oct](#)
- [Audit & Corporate Governance Committee 30 Sept](#)
- [Planning Committee 5 Oct](#)

Decisions

- [Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting 20 Sept](#)
- [Council 22 Sept](#)

Minutes

- [Employment Committee 15 Sept](#)
- [Cabinet 15 Sept](#)
- [Planning Committee 7 Sept](#)

Plans

- [Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

10. SCDC Starters and Leavers



Staff who have moved jobs

Name: Yvonne Brazier
Old Job title: Customer Contact Centre
New Job title: Contracts Administrator
Date moved: 10 October 2016



Staff who have left/will be leaving

Name: Rachal Hodson
Job title: Business Admin Apprentice
Date leaving: 14 October 2016

Name: John Wilkinson
Job title: Cleaner
Date leaving: 31 October 2016

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