

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER
2016**



**South
Cambridgeshire
District Council**

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 6 October to Friday 21 October

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 6 Oct				
Fri 7 Oct				
Mon 10 Oct				
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Thu 13 Oct	4pm	Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board	Council Chamber	Graham Watts
Fri 14 Oct				
Mon 17 Oct				
Tue 18 Oct	6pm	Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting	Swansley Room	Ian Senior
Wed 19 Oct	4:30pm	Housing Portfolio Holder's Meeting	Monkfield Room	Victoria Wallace
Thu 20 Oct				
Fri 21 Oct	9:30am	Audit & Corporate Governance Committee	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2. Community Chest Grants - Fully Allocated for 2016/17

Please note that the Community Chest for this financial year has been fully allocated. The fund is closed and we are no longer taking applications. The fund will re-open at the beginning April 17. Details for applying will be published on the webpage at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest> nearer the time.

3. Open for Business - Latest Newsletter

Please find attached our latest Open of Business newsletter, which includes ideas for maximising business growth and getting involved in shaping the future of infrastructure around Cambridge.

4. Parliamentary Boundary Review - Public Hearing at Cambridge 10-11 November

The Boundary Commission for England are hosting a two day public hearing at the Guildhall in Cambridge from Thursday 10 to Friday 11 November to allow members of the public to meet with the Assistant Commissioners and discuss the proposed changes to the constituency boundaries for MPs.

Those who wish to speak at the public hearing will need to book first on the Boundary Commission's [website](#).

More details on the Boundary Review are available on the Commission's [website](#).

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.

5. Freedom of Information Act Briefing - Thursday 27 October 2pm

There will be a briefing on the Freedom of Information Act for District Councillors on Thursday 27 October in the Monkfield Room from 2-3pm.

6. Devolution Briefing on 10 November at 6:30pm

The Devolution Briefing, which was scheduled for Thursday 13 October has been moved to Thursday 10 November at 6:30pm, as the information from the Government will be received a month later than expected.

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		
29/09/2016	Cambridge News	Fears continue despite assurances on chimney	P13 and online	Cllr Topping quoted
29/09/2016	Cambridge News	Concerns over new busway plan	P14 and online	
30/09/2016	Cambridge News	Bun fight - Fitzbillies in battle to beat road block plans	P8 and online	City Deal PCCPs
30/09/2016	Cambridge News	Letter: show students how to recycle	P20	
30/09/2016	Cambridge News Online	Businesses on warpath over road block threat	Online	
03/10/2016	Cambridge News	Legal challenge threat to village busway route	P9 and link	
03/10/2016	Cambridge News	One week left to have a say on congestion	P10	
03/10/2016	Cambridge News	Petition aims to protect children on 'lethal' road	P13	District councillor support mentioned
04/10/2016	Cambridge News	Residents rebel over City Deal	Cover page	

			6 and online	
04/10/2016	Cambridge News	Build super bikeway to link villages to city'	P5 and online	
04/10/2016	Cambridge News	Letter related to City Deal PCCP	P14	

8. 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 29 September: *Guardian*: [Number of homeless hits record levels](#)

A total of 15,170 households were classed as homeless in the three months to June 2016 – a rise of 10 per cent on the same period last year.

Thursday 29 September: *BBC Online*: [Plans for “flood risk” symbols on home prove controversial](#)

The insurance industry has published three “flood risk” symbols it would like estate agents in England and Wales to put on their property particular.

Thursday 29 September: *Telegraph*: [“Let Britain build more houses, or face an explosion of social anger”](#)

Alistair Heath says if Theresa May is serious about social justice must make fixing Britain's “horrendous, corrosive housing crisis” a top priority.

Friday 30 September: *BBC Online*: [Firms brace for “largest business rates change”](#)

Companies in England and Wales will find out later what their business rates bill is likely to be for the next five years.

Saturday 1 October: *BBC Online*: [More than 15,000 homes hit by winter floods, says Local Government Association](#)

The LGA is calling for the control of flood defence funds to be devolved.

Sunday 2 October: *Mail on Sunday*: [£2 million spend on bridges for threatened species](#)

“Bat bridges” are being erected at a cost of £2 million by the Government and councils despite a study by experts last year showing they are “useless”.

Monday 3 October: *BBC Online*: [Government plans to build 40,000 homes by 2020](#)

Chancellor Philip Hammond is to unveil plans to build 40,000 new homes by 2020.

Tuesday 4 October: *BBC Online*: [Sajid Javid attacks “nimbyism” as he calls for 1m new homes](#)

Communities Secretary Sajid Javid has attacked “nimbyism” as he called for a million new homes to be built by 2020.

Tuesday 4 October: *Independent Online*: [Ministers consider backing new law to prevent people becoming homeless](#)

The Government is considering backing a new law to strengthen councils' duties to stop people

becoming homeless.

9. 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 28 SEPTEMBER 2016



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. Food Safety Plan

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder

APPROVED the Environmental Health and Licensing Service Food Safety Plan 2016/17.

This decision was first published on Friday 30 September and so the deadline for call-in is Friday 7 October at 5pm. If not called-in the decision can be implemented on Monday 10 October.

11. Future of Park Life

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder

AGREED

- A) To note the feedback from Parklife 2016
- B) To continue to work in partnership with Cambridge Sports Lake Trust to arrange a free Parklife event each year for the next three-years, relying on income from sponsorship, grant funding and pre-booking to reduce the Council's expenditure to approximately £2,500 per event for each year of a three year programme; and
- C) To continue to underwrite the events with £10,000 per annum.
- D) To further promote the contribution of Cambridge Sports Lake Trust to the event through branding and advertising.

This decision was first published on Friday 30 September and so the deadline for call-in is Friday 7 October at 5pm. If not called-in the decision can be implemented on Monday 10 October.

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

12. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Decisions

- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly 29 Sept](#)
- [Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting 29 Sept](#)

Minutes

- [Council 22 Sept](#)

13. SCDC Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Celia Wignall
Job title: Consultancy Officer
Date starting: 10 October 2016



Staff who have moved jobs

Name: Alex Colyer
Old job title: Executive Director
New job title: Chief Executive
Date changing: 22 October 2016

Name: James Janzen
Old job title: Senior Revenues Officer
New job title: Revenues System Manager
Date changed: 1 September 2016

Name: Bonnie Kwok
Old job title: Lead Urban Design Project Co-ordinator
New job title: Principal Planning Officer
Date changed: 27 August 2016