

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER  
2016**



South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

**CONTENTS**

**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 13 October to Friday 28 October**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 13 Oct	4pm	<a href="#">Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Graham Watts</a>
Fri 14 Oct				
Mon 17 Oct				
Tue 18 Oct	6pm	<a href="#">Finance &amp; Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting</a>	Swansley Room A	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Wed 19 Oct	4:30pm	<a href="#">Housing Portfolio Holder's Meeting</a>	Monkfield Room	<a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a>
Thu 20 Oct				
Fri 21 Oct	9:30am	<a href="#">Audit &amp; Corporate Governance Committee</a>	Monkfield Room	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Mon 24 Oct				
Tue 25 Oct				
Wed 26 Oct	6:30pm 7pm	Extraordinary Council (devolution) – Cancelled Cabinet - Cancelled		
Thu 27 Oct				
Fri 28 Oct				

**INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**2. Community Awards 2016-17**

Nominations for the Community Awards 2016-17 opened on Monday. These popular awards celebrate the fantastic work done by volunteers and organisations in South Cambridgeshire. Anybody can make a nomination (not just councillors). They can be made until 20 January but if you've someone in mind, why not nominate them now and the job's done! Go to <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-awards> where you'll find a simple form to fill.

Categories are:

- 1) Village Hero
- 2) Outstanding Parish Councillor
- 3) Outstanding Local Service or Amenity  
*For a service or business run by, or for, local people, for example, a shop, post office, library or pub*
- 4) Outstanding Youth Initiative  
*For a youth initiative or business that caters for, or supports the needs of, young people in South Cambridgeshire*
- 5) Environment Award  
*For a local group whose primary focus is improving the environment, for example, an energy group, a community gardening club, a litter-pick group*
- 6) Wellbeing Award  
*for an organisation focussed on improving mental and physical health and wellbeing, for example, a voluntary group promoting walking or cycling*

If you have any queries or suggestions, please get in touch with Project Officer, Siobhan Mellon

[siobhan.mellon@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:siobhan.mellon@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 31995.

### 3. Housing Market Bulletin

Please find attached the summer edition of the housing market bulletin, which keeps track of local, regional and national housing market signals up to June 2016. It compares various aspects of our housing market, from the number of sales completing to comparative affordability of different tenures for the following eight districts: Cambridge City, South Cambridgeshire, East Cambridgeshire, Forest Heath, Fenland, St Edmundsbury, Huntingdonshire and Peterborough.

### 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.

### 4. 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.

### 5. 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

### 6. 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		
05/10/2016	Cambridge News	We'll bring city to a standstill (City Deal)	P 1 and 5	
05/10/2016	Cambridge News	Time for rethink on road plans? (opinion piece)	P6	
05/10/2016	Cambridge News	The only way is down (Letter - City Deal)	P20	
05/10/2016	Cambridge News	Think again on closures (Letter - City Deal)	P20	
05/10/2016	Cambridge News	New developments to take pressure off Cambridge	P8	
06/10/2016	Biggleswade Today online	Composting facility opened with blessing (Local councillor - Cllr Bridget Smith)	<a href="#">Link</a>	

06/10/2016	Cambridge News	' We've got the message on City Deal'	P1, 4 and 5	
06/10/2016	Cambridge News	Step forward on road proposals (opinion piece)	P6	
06/10/2016	Cambridge News	In favour of road closures (letter - City Deal)	P16	
06/10/2016	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	City Deal protest		
06/10/2016	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	City Deal - we've got the message		
07/10/2016	Cambridge News	We'll be back (City Deal protect summary)	P1,2 , 3, 4 and 5	
07/10/2016	Cambridge News	Winning people's hearts and minds (opinion piece)	P6	
08/10/2016	Cambridge News	City Deal road plans where to now?	P4 and 5	
08/10/2016	Cambridge News	Need to revisit road changes (opinion piece)	P6	
08/10/2016	Cambridge News	Tractor tyre is worth a try... (Letter - City Deal)	P16	
10/10/2016	Cambridge News	Ending the era of forcing people to drive is sound (City Deal)	P14	
10/10/2016	Cambridge News	Car use is the easiest option (letter - City Deal)	P16	
11/10/2016	Cambridge News	Hunt is on for community heroes	P5	
11/10/2016	Cambridge News	Soar above city's traffic - in a chinnock chopper (City Deal)	P8	
11/10/2016	Cambridge News	Learn from all our mistakes (Letter - City Deal)	P14	
11/10/2016	Cambridge News	Leave it to market forces (letter - City Deal)	P14	
11/10/2016	Cambridge News	Catastrophic for our site (Letter - City Deal)	P14	

## 7. 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.

Sunday 9 October 2016: *Sunday Times*: ["Buy-to-Airbnb" puts fresh squeeze on housing supply](#)  
A Sunday Times investigation has found that landlords using the home rental service Airbnb may be breaking planning rules and worsening the housing shortage.

Monday 10 October 2016: *BBC Online*: [West Midlands Combined Authority: Will council identities survive?](#)

A BBC feature looks at how the identities of Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall and Wolverhampton councils will survive after merging to become the West Midlands Combined Authority.

Tuesday 11 October 2016: *BBC Online*: [Basic flood protection "missing in high risk areas"](#)

In an online article, BBC Environment Correspondent Roger Harrabin analyses why hundreds of thousands of householders in flood risk areas have failed to install basic protection against rising waters.

## 8. 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 5 OCTOBER 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'](#).

## 9. Disposal of Vacant Property at 104 Hall Lane, Great Chishill

The Housing Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to dispose of 104 Hall Lane, Great Chishill on the open market. The receipt from the sale of this property will be invested in the development or purchase of more sustainable homes.

*This decision was first published on Friday 7 October and so the deadline for call-in is Friday 14 October at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Monday 17 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.scams.gov.uk/content/access-information>

## OTHER INFORMATION

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



#### Agendas

- [Housing Portfolio Holder's Meeting 19 October](#)
- [Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting 18 October](#)

#### Decisions

- [Planning Committee 5 October](#)
- [Disposal of 104 Hall Lane, Gt Chishill](#)

#### Minutes

- [Scrutiny & Overview Committee 8 September](#)
- [Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder Meeting 20 September](#)
- [Partnerships Review Committee 16 September](#)

### 11. SCDC Starters and Leavers



#### New Employees at the Council

Name: Paul Williams  
Job title: Project Manager – Business Change  
Date started: 10 October 2016

Name: Tracey Horner  
Job title: Technical Support Officer  
Date started: 10 October 2016