

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER
2016**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 17 November to Friday 2 December 2016

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 17 Nov	2pm	Cabinet	Council Chamber	Graham Watts
	6:30pm	Council	Council Chamber	Graham Watts
	7:30pm	Cabinet (Meeting to follow Council)	Council Chamber	Graham Watts
Fri 18 Nov				
Mon 21 Nov				
Tue 22 Nov				
Wed 23 Nov				
Thu 24 Nov				
Fri 25 Nov				
Mon 28 Nov				
Tue 29 Nov				
Wed 30 Nov				
Thu 1 Dec	2pm	Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly	Guildhall, City Council	Graham Watts
Fri 2 Dec				

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.

2. Housing Briefing: Thu 17 Nov at 10am

On Thursday 17 November Stephen Hills, Director of Housing, is giving a briefing for district councillors at 10am in the Council Chamber. The briefing will cover the following issues:

- The role of the local authority as housing delivery enablers as envisaged by the Elphicke House report
- The role of housing in contributing to place making
- The role of housing in relation to health and well being

The session is designed to relate these strategic themes to specific Council led projects and to the Council's corporate objectives - Stephen Kelly Director of Planning and Economic Growth will also be in attendance.

The feedback from this session will help with shaping the development of a new housing strategy for 2017 to be undertaken in conjunction with Cambridge City Council.

If you would like to attend this briefing, please e-mail me: Patrick.Adams@scambs.gov.uk

GENERAL INFORMATION

3. 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		
11/11/2016	BBC Look East	Homes go on sale at Northstowe - Cllr Wotherspoon interviewed about phase two application		
12/11/2016	Cambridge News	Pressure is on to secure land for major cycleway (City Deal)	P9	
12/11/2016	Cambridge News	Our way of saying thanks (Letter - planning application refused on appeal in Fulbourn)	P16	
14/11/2016	Cambridge News and online	Fears for junction safety as campus plans for buses (City Deal)	P8 and link	
14/11/2016	Cambridge News	Calls for 'obstruction' crossing to be replaced (City Deal)	P11	
14/11/2016	Cambridge News	We're all in this together - er, nearly! (Cycling column - City Deal, Greenways)	P14	
14/11/2016	Cambridge News	Nothing is set in stone yet (letter - Brexit)	P16	
15/11/2016	Cambridge News	Devolution deal vote faces delay (City and County)	P5	
15/11/2016	Cambridge News	Hero soldier's memorial spruced up by teenagers	P9	
15/11/2016	Cambridge News	250-home development will fund Trust's growth	P11	
16/11/2016	Cambridge News	Business rate rise a concern (City Deal)	P4	
16/11/2016	Cambridge News	Light rail and metro back on the table? (City Deal)	P5	
16/11/2016	Cambridge News	'Democratic' cost of devolution	P8	
16/11/2016	Cambridge News	Celebrations as village centre given approval	P11	
16/11/2016	Cambridge News	Fear more housing will destroy historic village (Swavesey)	P16	

4. 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 10 November: *BBC Online*: [Family win housing benefit cut ruling](#)

A Pembrokeshire family have won a court ruling after their housing benefit was cut because they had a spare bedroom used by their grandson's carers.

Thursday 10 November: *BBC Online*: [Birmingham City Council facing £49m overspend](#)

Birmingham City Council is to face an urgent review of its finances as it faces a £49 million budget overspend.

Friday 11 November: *Guardian Online*: [A day in the life of local government](#)

From just after midnight on Tuesday 15 November, council employees and councillors in England and Wales will take to Twitter armed with the hashtag #OurDay to showcase the work they and their colleagues do.

Friday 11 November: *Sky News Online*: [Housebuilding target to be missed, says minister](#)

The Government is set to fail to meet its target to build one million homes by 2020, Housing Minister Gavin Barwell has admitted.

Wednesday 16 November: *ITV News Online*: [Tackling UK housing crisis "will take generations"](#)

Soaring house prices and falling home ownership rates in the UK have not been driven by a lack of new housing construction, a Labour party-commissioned review has found.

Wednesday 16 November: *Times*: [Ban on lorries "fly-parking" on roadside](#)

Lorry drivers face being banned from parking by the roadside under plans to combat the growing problem of "fly-parking". The Department for Transport said it would not rule out legislation to tackle the problem.

5. 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.

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

6. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Cabinet 17 Nov 2016](#)
- [Council 17 Nov 2016](#)
- [Cabinet \(after Council\) 17 Nov 2016](#)

Decisions and Recommendations

- [Scrutiny & Overview Committee 9 Nov 2016](#)

Minutes

- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly 3 Nov 2016](#)

7. SCDC Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Alex Turner
Job title: Housing Administrative Apprentice
Date started: 14 November 2016

Name: John Craig
Job title: Resource Officer (Environmental Health)
Date started: 14 November 2016

Name: Daniel Neville
Job title: Refuse Loader
Date started: 14 October 2016

Name: Carl Howchin
Job title: Refuse Loader
Date started: 14 November 2016

Staff who have moved jobs

Name: Debra Bell
Old Job title: Planning Officer
New Job title: Senior Planning Officer
Date transferred: 31 October 2016

Name: Kevin Payne
Old job title: HGV Driver Mechanical Sweeper
New job title: Refuse Driver
Date transferred: 24 October 2016





Staff who have left

Name: Carole Monteith

Job title: Cleaner

Date leaving: 30 November 2016