

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER
2016**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 24 November to Friday 9 December

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 24 Nov	2pm	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Fri 25 Nov				
Mon 28 Nov				
Tue 29 Nov				
Wed 30 Nov				
Thu 1 Dec	2pm	Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly	The Guildhall, City Council	Graham Watts
Fri 2 Dec				
Mon 5 Dec				
Tue 6 Dec				
Wed 7 Dec	10:30am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 8 Dec	4pm	Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board	The Guildhall, City Council	Graham Watts
Fri 9 Dec	10am	Civic Affairs Committee	Swansley A & B	Patrick Adams (agenda)

GENERAL INFORMATION

2. 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		
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 Independent	Chisholm trail moves closer as City Deal board approve construction	P9	
16/11/2016	Cambridge	Save Fulbourn fields campaign host	P20	

	Independent	fundraiser		
16/11/2016	Cambridge Independent	Community - Longstanton (Northstowe street naming)	P31	
16/11/2016	Cambridge News	Fear more housing will destroy historic village (Swavesey)	P16	
18/11/2016	BBC Cambridgeshire - local live	Northstowe: A boost for Cambridgeshire people desperate for a home?	Link	
18/11/2016	BBC Cambridgeshire - local live	Northstowe: Fewer 'affordable' rented homes in new proposal	Link	
18/11/2016	Cambridge News	Peak time camera control proposals are not viable, says city deal boss	P6	
18/11/2016	Cambridge News	'Deep disappointment' at lack of upgrade plan (A14 - Cllr Burkitt quoted)	P9	
18/11/2016	Cambridge News online	Have your say as new town at Northstowe looks set to offer opportunities for first-time buyers	Link	
18/11/2016	Cambridge News online	Cambridge Biomedical Campus expansion on to green belt land approved by South Cambridgeshire councillors despite ecological concerns		
19/11/2016	Cambridge News	Activities really hit the spot for charity (Children In Need - Bake Off)	P1 and 6	
19/12/2016	Cambridge News	Campus green belt growth approved by narrow margin	P8	
19/11/2016	Cambridge News	Save village from threat (letter)	P16	
21/11/2016	Cambridge News	Consultation is too complex (City Deal - letter)	P16	
22/11/2016	Cambridge News	I have nothing to consider (letter - Cllr Roberts)	P14	
22/11/2016	Cambridge News online	South Cambridgeshire District Council becomes latest local authority to back £800 million devolution deal	Link	
22/11/2016	Cambridge Independent online	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough make devolution history	Link	
22/11/2016	ITV Anglia News	Devolution deal for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough set to go ahead	Link	
23/11/2016	Cambridge News	District council votes for approval (devolution)	P6	
23/11/2016	Cambridge News	Region poised to accept historic devolution deal	P6	
23/11/2016	Cambridge News	Complete the 'clover leaf' (City Deal)	P18	

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



**Government
Association**

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 17 November: *BBC Online*: [“Rent costs mean we keep having to move home”](#)
According to a survey conducted by ComRes for the BBC’s Victoria Derbyshire Programme, 76 per cent of people want the Government to regulate parts of the private rental sector.

Friday 18 November: *BBC Online*: [Councils spent £3.5bn on temporary housing in last five years](#)
Councils in Britain have spent more than £3.5 billion on temporary accommodation for homeless families in the last five years, data obtained by the BBC shows.

Friday 18 November: *BBC Online*: [Affordable home building dips to 24-year low](#)
The number of affordable homes built in England in 2015/16 fell to its lowest for 24 years, new government data shows.

Monday 21 November: *Independent Online*: [Up to a third of homeless young people turned away when they seek help from their local council, research reveals](#)
Up to one in three young people seeking help from their local council because they are homeless or about to become homeless are being turned away unaided, new research has found.

Monday 21 November: *Guardian Online*: [Outcry over lack of cash for flood defences as storm hits south of UK](#)
The Government has been accused of being “all talk and no action” on flood defences, as Storm Angus brought flooding and power cuts to the south of England.

Monday 21 November: *Financial Times*: [Tory county councils attack “unfair” funding cities](#)
Conservative-run county councils have criticised the Government for its “unfair” and “arbitrary” distribution of economic growth funds, which they say are biased towards cities.

Tuesday 22 November: *Times*: [“Pay to stay” social housing dropped](#)
Thousands could keep their council homes after the Government abandoned a reform by former Chancellor George Osborne.

4. 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 16 NOVEMBER 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'](#).

5. Housing Revenue Account Medium Term Financial Strategy

Cabinet

APPROVED the HRA Medium Term Financial Strategy as set out in **Appendix 1** to this report, including:

- changes in financial assumptions as detailed in **Appendix B** to the HRA MTFS
- mid-year revenue budget changes, as detailed in **Appendix D** to the HRA MTFS, which impact future forecasts for the HRA
- mid-year capital budgets changes, as detailed in **Appendix E** to the HRA MTFS
- update to the new build schemes included in the Housing Capital Investment Plan, incorporation of the latest budgetary figures in respect of new build schemes, and re-phasing of expenditure in line with anticipated build timetables
- changes in anticipated receipt and use of capital resources for the HRA, as included in **Appendix H** to the HRA MTFS
- recognition of the delegated decision to acquire a number of existing market homes, thus utilising retained right to buy receipts with the required timescales.

This decision was first published on Thursday 17 November and so the deadline for call-in is Thursday 24 November at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 25 November.

6. Position Statement on Finance, Performance and Risk Q2

Cabinet

APPROVED the Strategic Risk Register and Matrix set out in **Appendix D-E**, incorporating the proposed changes set out in paragraph 28 of the report.

This decision was first published on Thursday 17 November and so the deadline for call-in is Thursday 24 November at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 25 November.

7. Corporate Plan Priorities 2017-2021

Cabinet **AGREED**

- (a) That the priority areas set out in paragraph 8 below be retained as the basis for consultation on, and to inform the development of, a Corporate Plan for 2017-2022, and
- (b) That the Interim Chief Executive be authorised to agree consultation arrangements, based on the outlines set out in paragraphs 19-20 below, in consultation with the Corporate and Customer Services Portfolio Holder.

This decision was first published on Thursday 17 November and so the deadline for call-in is Thursday 24 November at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 25 November.

8. Review of the Medium Term Financial Strategy

Cabinet

NOTED the General Fund forecast at Section 4 and Appendix A of the attached report;

APPROVED the assumptions underpinning the MTFFS (Section 3)

INSTRUCTED the Head of Finance to bring forward detailed draft estimates for 2017/18 based on the assumptions and issues contained in this report for consideration by Cabinet in the new year.

INSTRUCTED the Executive Management Team (EMT) to identify and develop other options for meeting the MTFFS additional income / savings requirement.

This decision was first published on Thursday 17 November and so the deadline for call-in is Thursday 24 November at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 25 November.

9. Devolution

Cabinet **AGREED** to:

- (i) Consent to the Secretary of State making an Order to establish the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (Appendix A).
- (ii) Consent to the Council being a constituent member of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority with effect from the commencement date determined by the final Order.
- (iii) Authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to consent to the final draft Order and associated documents, specifically:
 - to agree minor drafting amendments to the Combined Authority Order to be laid before Parliament;
 - to consent to the Council being included within the draft Parliamentary Order thereby reflecting this Council's decision.
- (iv) Authorise the Combined Authority to have a power to issue a levy to the constituent Councils in respect of any financial year. (This will be subject to the inclusion of a unanimity clause in the Combined Authority constitution on this specific matter).
- (v) Recommend to the Combined Authority that the costs of establishing the Combined

Authority, holding the elections in May 2017 and running the Combined Authority (including Mayoral Office) for 2016/17 and 2017/18 are funded from the gain share grant provided by Government (as outlined the financial implications section of the report).

- (vi) Appoint Councillor Peter Topping, Leader of the Council, to act as Council's appointee to the Shadow Combined Authority and once established, to the Combined Authority.
- (vii) Appoint Nick Wright, Deputy Leader of the Council, to act as the substitute to the above.
- (viii) Note the outcome of the public consultation on the establishment of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority as outlined in paragraph 5.1 and 5.2 and Appendices 2A - 2D.
- (ix) Note the timetable for the implementation of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough devolution Order as summarised in paragraph 16.
- (x) Note the Government's response to the outline business case for Housing capital investment funds secured as part of the devolution deal as set out in Appendix 3.
- (xi) Agree, in principle, for a protocol requiring the Council Leader and the representative on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to report to each meeting of Council setting out the activities and decisions related to their respective roles within the Combined Authority.
- (xii) To request that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Civic Affairs Committee engage their fellow committee members with a view to devising and agreeing the wording of a protocol for inclusion in the Council's constitution.

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

10. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Planning Committee 24 November](#)

Decisions

- [Cabinet 2pm 17 November](#)
- [Council 17 November \(adjourned and reconvened 21 November\)](#)
- [Cabinet 17 November](#)

Minutes

- [Planning Committee 16 November](#)
- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board 10 November](#)

11. **SCDC Starters and Leavers**



New Employees at the Council

Name: Francisco Ribeiro
Job title: Refuse Loader
Date started: 14 November 2016



Staff who have moved jobs

Name: John Goodwin
Old job: Resource Officer
New job: Regulatory Support Officer (Environmental Services)
Date moved: 20 November 2016



Staff who have left/will be leaving

Name: Graham Watts
Job: Democratic Services Team Leader
Date leaving: 11 December 2016

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