

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER  
2016**



**South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council**

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**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 15 December to Friday 30 December**

| Date       | Time | Name  | Venue           | Contact                       |
|------------|------|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Thu 15 Dec |      |   |                 |                               |
| Fri 16 Dec |      |   |                 |                               |
| Mon 19 Dec |      |   |                 |                               |
| Tue 20 Dec |      |   |                 |                               |
| Wed 21 Dec |      |   |                 |                               |
| Thu 22 Dec | 5pm  | <a href="#">Environmental Services Portfolio Holder Meeting</a> | Swansley A      | <a href="#">Patrick Adams</a> |
| Fri 23 Dec |      |   |                 |                               |
| Mon 26 Dec |      |   | -Office Closed- |                               |
| Tue 27 Dec |      |   | -Office Closed- |                               |
| Wed 28 Dec |      |   |                 |                               |
| Thu 29 Dec |      |   |                 |                               |
| Fri 30 Dec |      |   |                 |                               |

**INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**2. City Deal Communications Survey - Open to Officers and District Councillors**

District Councillors and office staff are being asked to take part in a short survey to help improve their access to information about the Greater Cambridge City Deal.

We are part of the local partnership working to unlock homes, jobs and preserve quality of life in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire as the area continues to grow – including through developing a transport network fit for the future.

Whether you help deliver City Deal business or simply need to know more about it to help with your role, your feedback will help the partnership improve its services to you in the coming months.

The survey can be accessed by clicking the link below:

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CityDealCommunicationsInternal/>

**3. December's Housing Market Bulletin**

Please find attached the latest edition of our housing market bulletin, helping you keep track of local, regional and national housing market signals to September 2016. We continue to compare various aspects of our housing market, from the number of sales completing to comparative affordability of different tenures for the eight districts covered.

Your feedback is always welcome. Please do let us know if you tweet or share the Bulletin as we love to see it being quoted: @CambsHsgSubReg

Please see [www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/Housingmarketbulletin](http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/Housingmarketbulletin) for previous editions.

Our next edition is due out in March 2017, based on December 2016 data.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 4. 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   |                      |  |
|------------|------------------------------|---|----------------------|--|
| 07/12/2016 | Planning Resource            | Go-ahead for Starter Homes switch at Northstowe   | <a href="#">Link</a> |  |
| 07/12/2016 | Cambridge News online        | But what about the community? Plans for next phase of Northstowe approved despite concerns over long-term success | <a href="#">Link</a> |  |
| 07/12/2016 | Cambridge Independent online | Half of Northstowe phase two homes will be affordable   | <a href="#">Link</a> |  |
| 07/12/2016 | Cambridge Independent online | Cambridge city's first mayoral candidate is Labour councillor (SCDC shared services mentioned)                    | <a href="#">Link</a> |  |
| 07/12/2016 | BBC Radio Cambridgeshire     | Cllr Tim Wotherspoon interviewed re half phase two Northstowe homes being affordable                              |                      |  |
| 07/12/2016 | Cambridge Independent        | 2,700 homes in pipeline for east and west of city   | P1 and 6             |  |
| 07/12/2016 | Cambridge Independent        | City Deal saddened by lack of say in M11 plans  | P6                   |  |
| 07/12/2016 | Cambridge Independent        | Campaigners plan busway protest march   | P7                   |  |
| 07/12/2016 | Cambridge Independent        | Home plan for former barracks   | P16                  |  |
| 08/12/2016 | Cambridge News               | Northstowe defended amid community fears  | P4                   |  |
| 08/12/2016 | Cambridge News               | Upgrade needs 'political will' (City Deal)  | P11                  |  |
| 08/12/2016 | Cambridge News               | Mayor is not part time job (letter - devolution)  | P20                  |  |
| 08/12/2016 | Cambridge News online        | Pong-o-meter plan to tackle the great Cambridge smell   | <a href="#">Link</a> |  |
| 09/12/2016 | Cambridge News               | 'Pong-o-meter' plan launched  | P11                  |  |
| 09/12/2016 | Cambridge News online        | We went to find the Milton Pong and this is what happened   | <a href="#">Link</a> |  |
| 10/12/2016 | Cambridge News               | Fears of 'total gridlock' near AstraZeneca site (City Deal)   | P5                   |  |
| 12/12/2016 | Cambridge News               | City Deal's boost for road and rail   | P1 and 5             |  |
| 12/12/2016 | Cambridge News               | Reduction in bus service will   | P6                   |  |

|            |                           |  |                             |  |
|------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
|            |                           | 'force people into cars' (Cllr Lockwood quoted)  |                             |  |
| 12/12/2016 | Cambridge News            | Sniffing out the Milton pong                     | P8                          |  |
| 12/12/2016 | Cambridge News            | Push for bike and ride sites (City Deal)         | P14                         |  |
| 14/12/2016 | Cambridge News and online | £7 road 'hubs' plan (City Deal)                  | <a href="#">P4 and link</a> |  |
| 14/12/2016 | Cambridge News            | £1 billion will soon vanish (Letter - City Deal) | P18                         |  |

## 5. 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.

Thursday 8 December: *Mail Online*: [Warning of potential "health hazard" after bin collections are restricted over Christmas](#)

Councils have restricted rubbish collections over the festive period, sparking health fears by residents.

Saturday 10 December: *BBC Online*: [Fly-tipping Christmas crackdown by councils](#)

Councils are launching a pre-Christmas zero-tolerance nationwide crackdown on fly-tipping.

Saturday 10 December: *Guardian*: [More focus needed on flooding](#)

An editorial in the Guardian says the Government's focus on flooding has gone, a year after floods devastated Cumbria.

Sunday 11 December: *Sunday Telegraph*: [Fears over rural post office numbers](#)

Thousands of rural post offices are said to be under threat of closure. This comes as ministers said they would review rules that required people in the countryside to have a branch within three miles.

Monday 12 December: *BBC Online*: [Derelict sites "should be nature reserves"](#)

Derelict industrial sites could become nature reserves. Green belt land also has huge potential to provide natural habitat and public access to the countryside, the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) said.

Tuesday 13 December: *Express Online*: [90 per cent of councils "won't meet government housing targets"](#)

Nearly 90 per cent of councils believe they will not be able to meet the Government's housing targets – building one million new homes by 2020 – because of a lack of resources in their planning department, new research suggests.

Tuesday 13 December: *Times*: [Councils paid to build homes on green belt land](#)

Councils are being paid hundreds of millions of pounds to build homes on green belt land, the Campaign to Protect Rural England has claimed.

## 6. 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

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



### Decisions

- [Planning Committee 7 Dec](#)
- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board 8 Dec](#)
- [Civic Affairs Committee 9 Dec](#)

### Minutes

- [Cabinet 17 Nov 2pm](#)
- [Council 17 Nov \(adjourned to 21 Nov\)](#)
- [Cabinet 17 Nov \(adjourned to 21 Nov\)](#)
- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly 1 Dec](#)

8. **SCDC Starters and Leavers**



**New Employees at the Council**

Name: Matthew Wood  
Job title: Accountancy Assistant  
Date started: 1 December 2016



**Staff who have left/ will be leaving**

Name: Ian Howes  
Job title: Principal Urban Design Officer  
Date leaving: 2 January 2017