

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 4 JANUARY
2017**



**South
Cambridgeshire
District Council**

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 5 January to Friday 20 January 2017

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 5 Jan				
Fri 6 Jan				
Mon 9 Jan				
Tue 10 Jan				
Wed 11 Jan	9:30am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 12 Jan				
Fri 13 Jan				
Mon 16 Jan				
Tue 17 Jan	6pm	Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting	Swansley Room	Ian Senior
Wed 18 Jan	2pm 4:30pm	Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly Housing Portfolio Holder's Meeting - CANCELLED	Council Chamber	Patrick Adams (Agenda)
Thu 19 Jan	2pm	Cabinet	Council Chamber	Victoria Wallace (Agenda)
Fri 20 Jan	10am	Partnerships Review Committee	Council Chamber	Victoria Wallace

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2. Council Tax Referenda

The Government published, just before Christmas (21st December), the criteria for determining if a council tax increase would trigger a requirement for a local referendum. This confirmed:

- For all tax raising bodies a general limit of a 2% increase (below which, there is no requirement to hold a referendum)
- For districts and fire authorities, the limit being the higher of a 2% or £5 increase for 2017/18
- For Social Care authorities, the power to levy an additional social care precept of up to 3% in 2017/18 and 2018/19 subject to no higher than 6% over the next 3 years, subject to those additional resources being ringfenced to social care
- For Parish Councils, an exhortation to "demonstrate restraint" but, no implementation of a referendum requirement in 2017/18.

3. A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Monthly Bulletin

Please find attached the new monthly Council bulletin from Highways England in relation to the construction of the A14 scheme. Of particular interest to South Cambridgeshire:

- In January 2017 there may be some night time lane closures between in the section between Swavesey and Milton to enable site clearance works to be undertaken (details will be provided in advance of any such works).
- Highways England will be putting in place a temporary closure of part of The Avenue in Madingley from 20 February 2017 until 1 March 2018 (local residents have been

informed) to enable the safe construction of the local access road between Dry Drayton and Huntingdon Road in Cambridge

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		
21/12/2016	Cambridge News	58p notification for a 1p tax rise	P9	
21/12/2016	Cambridge Independent	Fly tippers facing £400 fixed fines	P9	
21/12/2016	Cambridge Independent	Bus route protesters say they will dig in for long battle (City Deal)	P8	
21/12/2016	Cambridge Independent	Temporary leader appointed as shadow devolution authority meets	P14	
21/12/2016	Cambridge Independent	Tide of growth is overwhelming (Letter - City Deal)	P22	
21/12/2016	Cambridge Independent	Conservation charity to take over 13th century grade II-listed village church	P24	

5. 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 22 December: *BBC Online*: [Broadband boost for remotest parts of UK](#)
The Government has announced a £440 million funding boost to help about 600,000 more homes and businesses gain access to superfast broadband.

Friday 23 December: *Times*: [Rural homes face years of broadband misery](#)
Nearly a million householders will still be unable to access superfast broadband by 2020, campaigners have warned.

Wednesday 28 December: *BBC Online*: [Electoral fraud: Voters will have to show ID in pilot scheme](#)
Voters will be required to show of identify before being allowed to vote in a government pilot scheme to reduce electoral fraud.

Thursday 29 December: *Telegraph*: [Outrage at “crippling” business rate rises](#)
Theresa May is being urged by business leaders to reconsider “penal and unfair” rises in business rates amid warnings that some firms face being hit with a four-fold rise in their bills.

Sunday 1 January: *Mail on Sunday*: [Government told to refund billions in business rates](#)
The Government is facing calling to return more than £1 billion to companies which experts claim have been overcharged for business rates over the past six years.

Monday 2 January: *ITV Online*: [Christmas fly-tipping crackdown needs to become a New Year’s resolution, says CLA](#)
The rural landowners association, the CLA, has backed the Christmas crackdown on fly-tipping by councils, but wants them to make a collective New Year’s resolution that will continue throughout 2017.

Tuesday 3 January: *Times*: [More travellers park on illegal sites](#)
The number of traveller caravans in England has jumped by 31 per cent in a decade with those pitched on unauthorised sites rising by more than a tenth in the past year.

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.

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE 21 DECEMBER 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'](#).

7. New Statutory Fee in Respect of Fly Tipping Fixed Penalty

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder

AGREED the proposed fees and charges as set out in Appendix A.

This decision was first published on Friday 23 December and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 4 January. The decision can be implemented on Thursday 5 January.

8. Proposal to Participate in the Healthier Options Partnership

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder:

a) **AGREED:**

The memorandum of understanding to participate in the Healthier Options initiative to engage and support local businesses to promote healthier menu options and food preparation techniques.

b) **SUPPORTED:**

A strategic mix of options one and two:

Option 1 – officers coordinate promotion with their regulatory intervention programme.

Option 2 – evidence based targeted approach to those businesses located in areas of high incidence of adult obesity who supply fast-food traditionally of a high calorific content.

c) **REQUESTED** an update approximately six months after the project started.

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9. Service Planning Priorities 2017/18

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder

AGREED the emerging priorities for the Portfolio to be developed and delivered in the H&ES Directorate Service Plans for 2017/18, subject to Council agreeing priorities for the SCDC Corporate Plan.

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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 11 Jan 2017](#)

Decisions

- [Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting 22 December 2016](#)

Minutes

- [Planning Committee 7 December 2016](#)
- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board 8 December 2016](#)

11. SCDC Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Bukky Gray
Job title: Senior HR Advisor
Date started: 1 January 2017
(Bukky was previously working in HR via an agency)

Name: Suzanne Christie
Job title: Environmental Health Officer
Date starting: 1 February 2017

Name: Kelsey Willard
Job title: Resource Assistant (Environmental Services)
Date started: 12 December 2016

Staff who have moved jobs

Name: Helen Cornwell
Old Job Title: HR Co-ordinator
New Job Title: Senior HR Advisor
Date moved: 1 January 2017

Name: Louise Moulding
Old job title: Housing Services Officer – Voids & Letting
New job title: Private Section Leasing Officer
Date moved: 5 December 2016

Name: Susan Tuffnell
Old job title: Housing Advice Officer
New job title: Benefits Assessment Officer
Date moved: 4 January 2017

