

**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	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Thu 12 Jan				
Fri 13 Jan				
Mon 16 Jan				
Tue 17 Jan	6pm	<a href="#">Finance &amp; Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Wed 18 Jan	2pm 4:30pm	<a href="#">Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly</a> Housing Portfolio Holder's Meeting - CANCELLED	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a> (Agenda)
Thu 19 Jan	2pm	<a href="#">Cabinet</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a> (Agenda)
Fri 20 Jan	10am	<a href="#">Partnerships Review Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a>

**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)



#### 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 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.

*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.*

**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.

*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.*

**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



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## Monthly Council Bulletin – Issue 1

Welcome to our first A14 Monthly Council Bulletin.

During the construction of the A14 we intend to provide you with monthly updates on key site activities so you are able to respond to some of the questions you may be asked by your respective Councillors, residents or work colleagues.

In each bulletin we will summarise scheme progress in the previous month, along with a forward look at activity for the next month. To hopefully make it easy for you to pick up the relevant items of interest the latter we will split into three separate geographical areas.

These three areas are listed below, along with the contact details of the respective Stakeholder Manager for that area.

Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line; **Jon Lewell** [jon.lewell@thea14.com](mailto:jon.lewell@thea14.com)

East Coast Main Line to Swavesey; **Jade Pettit** [jade.pettit@thea14.com](mailto:jade.pettit@thea14.com)

Swavesey to Milton; **Bob Pettipher** [bob.pettipher@thea14.com](mailto:bob.pettipher@thea14.com)

We also have a 24hr public helpline **0800 270 0114** which will be answered by a team member during site hours 0800-1700 and where messages can be left at other times.

These bulletins will be in addition to the quarterly newsletters published, the project website we update ([highways.gov.uk/A14C2H](http://highways.gov.uk/A14C2H)) and our new social media pages, which will launch in early 2017.

Our Facebook page is, [www.facebook.com/A14C2H](http://www.facebook.com/A14C2H) and our twitter account, **@A14C2H**

For any letters you may wish to send our address will be;

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme Project Office  
High Street  
Boxworth  
Cambridgeshire  
CB23 4NG

## **Late 2016 Activities**

### **Exhibitions and site preparation**

During the months of September and October, the stakeholder team and other staff from the project team delivered 11 Public Information Exhibitions spread along the route of the scheme and we welcomed a total of 2845 visitors.

These exhibitions supplied scheme wide information in relation to many subjects and members of the project team with a cross section of specialist knowledge were available at each location to answer questions.

The exhibition panels and plans on display are now on the A14 website.

Since September the A14 project team have been undertaking preparatory works in advance of main construction.

These works have included site clearance, ecology mitigation (for badgers, water vole, great crested newts and bats), boundary fencing and archaeology.

We have also been constructing our site compounds at Alconbury, Brampton, Ermine Street and Swavesey.

### **Section 1 & 2 - Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line**

On the A1 we are installing a new safety barrier along the highway verge. This will allow our staff to safely work behind and will also ensure we keep traffic moving at normal speeds with full lane widths for as long as possible.

One of the original 'Great North Road' milestones has been removed from the A1 verge and has been surveyed and recorded. We are talking to Alconbury Parish Council about storage and relocation in the future.

Recent resurfacing work carried out north of Buckden is not part of the A14 improvement scheme but is part of an ongoing maintenance programme. We are talking to the Highways England contractor undertaking the work to understand and help manage concerns that the local community has raised.

### **Section 3 - East Coast Main Line to Swavesey**

On Ermine Street, following comments from the public, the traffic management and signage has been adjusted and the compound access points upgraded to improve the traffic flow and safety. We are continuing to monitor the situation.

### **Section 4 & 5 - Swavesey to Milton**

Work continued on the construction of the main project compound at Swavesey Junction. Archaeology and site clearance are taking place alongside the A14 between Swavesey and Girton.



## Works for January 2017

0300 123 5000

[www.highways.gov.uk](http://www.highways.gov.uk)

### **Section 1 & 2 - Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line**

We will complete the safety barrier on the A1 southbound carriage way south of Alconbury. This will allow us to finish site clearance and start construction of the new carriageway in safe working conditions whilst keeping all A1 lanes flowing.

A review of the site clearance areas on the northbound carriageway, north of Brampton Hut, will be undertaken prior to removal.

Archaeology investigation and mitigation will continue which will allow the main works to progress in 2017.

### **Section 3 - East Coast Main Line to Swavesey**

Preparation of the compound at Ermine street is expected to be completed in late January.

Works will also continue on fencing, archaeology and site clearance.

### **Section 4 & 5 - Swavesey to Milton**

The main compound at Swavesey will be ready for occupation in January 2017, with a new entrance created near to the traffic island at Cambridge services.

Archaeology will continue at Girton Junction and next to the A14 close to the Dry Drayton turn.

Site clearance will continue in preparation for construction works and this will mean a number of lane closures along the A14. These works will be undertaken at night between 8pm and 6am to minimise any disruption. Where necessary the details of necessary traffic management will be forwarded to the appropriate parish councils in advance.

## **Advanced Notice**

To allow safe construction of the new local access road between Dry Drayton & Huntingdon Road, Cambridge it will be necessary to undertake a temporary closure of part of the Avenue in Madingley.

A temporary traffic order is in place that authorises closure of the Avenue from its junction with the A14, to its junction with Dry Drayton Road. This closure will come into effect on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017** and will last until **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**.

As a consequence of this there will no access either onto the A14 from the Avenue, or from the A14 into the Avenue

Local residents in Madingley have been informed by means of letter.

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