

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY
2017**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 26 January to Friday 10 February

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 26 Jan	10am	Employment Committee	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
	2pm	Council	Council Chamber	Patrick Adams
Fri 27 Jan				
Mon 30 Jan				
Tue 31 Jan				
Wed 1 Feb	9:45am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 2 Feb				
Fri 3 Feb				
Mon 6 Feb				
Tue 7 Feb	10am	Planning Portfolio Holder Meeting	Monkfield Room	Ian Senior
	6pm	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Wed 8 Feb				
Thu 9 Feb	2pm	Cabinet	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Fri 10 Feb				

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		
18/01/2017	Cambridge News	Move to test support for residents' parking (City Deal)	P2	
18/01/2017	Cambridge News	'Uber for bikes' scheme to launch in Cambridge	P3	
19/01/2017	Cambridge News	Backing for clean air zone (City Deal)	P4 and 5	
19/01/2017	Cambridge News	Junction work 'adds to risk'	P12	
19/01/2017	Cambridge Independent	Cambridge taxi drivers to undergo training to make the city safer	Link	
20/01/2017	Star Radio	Glowing report after review of Council	Link	

	Online	performance		
20/01/2017	Cambridge News	Services for villagers get £270k of funds	P7	
22/01/2017	Cambridge Independent online	Independent review praises leadership and vision of South Cambridgeshire District Council	Link	
23/01/2017	Star Radio Online	Much Needed New Housing Provided By HAD	Link	

3. 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.

Friday 20 January 2017: *Mail*: [MPs warn against monthly bin collections](#)

Lib Dem MPs have called on the Government to prevent more councils from moving to moving to monthly bin collections.

Saturday 21 January 2017: *Mail Online*: [Ministers shelve Green Belt plans](#)

The Government is abandoning plans to ease the rules that allow councils to build on the Green Belt as ministers come under pressure from their own constituents.

Tuesday 24 January 2017: *BBC News*: [Flood prevention being ignored, say MPs](#)

Simple actions to help protect homes from flooding are still being ignored by government, MPs say.

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 18 JANUARY 2017



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. Local Government Finance Settlement Update

Cabinet

AGREED to guide the Head of Finance regarding options to be modelled in the Medium Term Financial Strategy reports to Cabinet and Council in February 2017, including the recommendation that if the Government reduces the New Homes Bonus, the planned allocation to the General Fund and the A14 upgrade contribution should be unaffected and the contribution to the City Deal Investment and Delivery fund should be reduced.

This decision was first published on Thursday 19 January and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Thursday 26 January. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 27 January.

6. Internal Audit Shared Service

Cabinet

AGREED to approve the Business Case and delegate authority to the Director Health and Environmental Services to make decisions and to take steps which are necessary, conducive or incidental to the establishment of the Shared Internal Audit Service in accordance with the business case.

This decision was first published on Thursday 19 January and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Thursday 26 January. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 27 January.

7. Review of procedures for neighbourhood planning

Cabinet **AGREED**

- A) To approve the process for designation Neighbourhood Areas as set out in paragraphs 12 and 13 of the report.
- B) To approve the decision making process once a Neighbourhood Plan is submitted to the Council as set out in paragraphs 14 and 15 of the report.

This decision was first published on Thursday 19 January and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Thursday 26 January. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 27 January.

8. Corporate Peer Challenge: Feedback Report

Cabinet **AGREED**

- A) To receive the Feedback Report from the Corporate Peer Challenge, welcoming the independent external validation of the Council's strengths and achievements it has provided (see Appendix A);
- B) To the Key recommendations set out in Section 2 of the Feedback Report;
- C) To the priorities for the future leadership of place, as set out in paragraph 10 of the report, as the basis for the Council's response to the report; and
- D) To authorise the Interim Chief Executive to prepare action plans to address the priorities identified in recommendation (iii) above, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

This decision was first published on Thursday 19 January and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Thursday 26 January. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 27 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.scams.gov.uk/content/access-information>

OTHER INFORMATION

9. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Planning Committee 1 February](#)

Decisions

- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly 18 January](#)
- [Cabinet 19 January](#)

Minutes

- [Planning Committee 11 January](#)

10. SCDC Starters and Leavers



Staff who have moved jobs

Name: Sean Howlett
Old job title: Cleansing Operative
New job title: Refuse Driver
Date moved: 1 January 2017



Staff who have left

Name: John Craig
Job title: Resource Officer
Date left: 13 January 2017

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