

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY  
2017**



South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

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**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 2 February to Friday 17 February 2017**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 2 Feb				
Fri 3 Feb				
Mon 6 Feb				
Tue 7 Feb	10am 6pm	Planning Portfolio Holder Meeting – CANCELLED  <a href="#">Scrutiny and Overview Committee</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a>
Wed 8 Feb				
Thu 9 Feb	2pm	<a href="#">Cabinet</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a> (agenda)
Fri 10 Feb				
Mon 13 Feb				
Tue 14 Feb				
Wed 15 Feb	5pm	<a href="#">Environmental Services Portfolio Holder</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Thu 16 Feb				
Fri 17 Feb				

**INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS**

**2. Have Your Say - Cross City Cycling - Links to Cambridge North Rail Station and Science Park**

In January 2016 we consulted on the Cross City Cycle scheme, five cycling projects to boost and improve cycling across Cambridge. One of these projects is 'Links to Cambridge North Rail Station and Science Park'.

The 'Links to Cambridge North Rail Station and Science Park' project is a route along Green End Road and Nuffield Road. We consulted on on-road and off-road options along these roads and the results for the proposals for Nuffield Road were mixed. A number of concerns were raised that the proposals did not represent a high quality route and cyclists were unlikely to cross the road twice to access the shared provision on the north side of the road.

As a result of the consultation responses we have worked with our consultants and stakeholders to look at an alternative segregated provision for cyclists. We would very much like to hear your views on these proposals. The consultation is taking place from Friday 27 January – Friday 10 March 2017.

You can complete the survey and find out more about the scheme, including visualisations and detailed drawings of the scheme online at [www.qccitydeal.co.uk/Cross-City-Cycling](http://www.qccitydeal.co.uk/Cross-City-Cycling).

We will be holding a drop-in consultation exhibition event on Tuesday 31 January, 18:15 – 20:15 at the Shirley Community Nursery & Primary School, Nuffield Road, Cambridge. As well as having an exhibition in the Brown Fields Community Centre between the 13 and 17 February.

Project officers will be available at the exhibition on Tuesday 14 February between 12:00 – 14:00 to speak with the public and answer any questions.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us, should you require any further information.

Kind regards,  
Katie Cross  
**The Greater Cambridge City Deal Team**

### UPCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

Unless otherwise specified, please confirm your availability to attend any of the following briefing or training events by contacting [Patrick Adams](#) on 01954 713408. This will ensure your training records are kept up to date and suitable venue and catering booking can be made. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

#### 3. Neighbourhood Planning Training: Wed 22 Feb 6pm

Neighbourhood Planning expert Andrew Ashcroft is returning to South Cambs to run a bespoke policy-writing workshop. This session is aimed at parishes *already designated* as Neighbourhood Planning Areas who may, in the near future if not already, be at the stage of writing policies.

If this applies to you, the date for your diaries is **Weds 22 February 2017, from 6-8.30pm in the Swansley Room at SCDC.**

**Attendees will be asked to have read the following:**

- the 'my community' guidance on policy writing - <http://mycommunity.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Writing-planning-policies-v51.pdf>
- the Sutton St Nicholas Plan, which Andrew will use as a mini case study - [https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/media/4655608/sutton\\_submission\\_ndp.pdf](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/media/4655608/sutton_submission_ndp.pdf)

**and each Neighbourhood Planning group will be asked to submit, no later than Weds 1 Feb:**

- a schedule of policies you intend to include in your plan (without details/text)
- details of policies where you might be struggling; the draft policy and supporting text that you have assembled at that point.

Contributing this information will make the workshop very relevant to your particular circumstances and give you practical tips for use in developing your own plans.

If you have not already done so, **please book now** along with your neighbourhood planning colleagues (no maximum number) and please also **submit any policy information** you wish to have reviewed in the session.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that we have a Neighbourhood Planning Facebook Group for your use as a forum for information exchange, and where we post pertinent news items:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/925756057520296/>

Please sign up if you think this would be useful to you.

**4. SE Parishes Patch Meeting: Connecting Communities: Wed 8 March 5-7.30pm The Fulbourn Centre**

As promised, we have organised the next South East parishes patch meeting. This meeting will look at 'services for older people' and will be an opportunity to find out about some of the services already in place locally, and for them to showcase what they do. We will be looking at the kinds of services and ideas you might like to see replicated in your local area, how to make this happen and hopefully giving information about setting up, funding, training and support. There will be time allocated to networking, stalls and case studies to take away on the day.

Confirmed speakers and attendees include:

- Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough - warden schemes, visiting schemes and handypersons scheme
- Care Network Cambridgeshire - car schemes, navigators and care schemes
- Jean Newman, Older People's Co-ordinator for Histon & Impington - her role and funding model
- Joy Bray, Parish Councillor for Great Wilbraham - mental health first aid training
- Helen Stepney / Jane Lampshire - activities for older people and Active & Healthy for Life GP referral scheme
- Cambridgeshire County Council - a range of topics including Good Neighbour Schemes, scams and rogue trader prevention, time-banking
- Cambridgeshire Community Foundation - funding opportunities
- Cambridge CVS - support with setting up and running groups, funding, training and governance

If you, your parish council members, or members of your community with a keen interest would like to come, please contact [kathryn.hawkes@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:kathryn.hawkes@scambs.gov.uk) or call 01954 712932 as soon as possible. Refreshments will be available on the night.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**5. 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		
22/01/2017	Cambridge Independent online	Independent review praises leadership and vision of South Cambridgeshire District Council	<a href="#">Link</a>	
23/01/2017	Star Radio Online	Much Needed New Housing Provided By HAD	<a href="#">Link</a>	
27/01/2017	Cambridge Independent Online	Debate rages on over possible Cambridge congestion charge	<a href="#">Link</a>	
26/01/2017	Cambridge News online	Cambridge Congestion Charge: South Cambridgeshire Councillors clash	<a href="#">Link</a>	

		during debate to oppose the charge		
25/01/2017	Cambridge Independent	Homes initiative off to a good start	P5	
25/01/2017	Cambridge Independent	Transport and housing hold back growth (City Deal)	p8	
25/01/2017	Cambridge Independent	'We need answers on Park and Ride and bus route' (City Deal)	p9	
25/01/2017	Cambridge Independent	What's the deal with devolution revolution (SCDC mentioned)	P14	
25/01/2017	Cambridge Independent	Moving day as Council homes ready	P17	
25/01/2017	Cambridge Independent	Glowing report for South Cambs	P18	
27/01/2017	Star Radio Online	Congestion charge is not the answer, say councillors	<a href="#">Link</a>	
27/01/2017	Cambridge News online	Number of rough sleepers hit record levels	<a href="#">Link</a>	
26/01/2017	Cambridge News	City Deal: warning of bigger protests	P1 and 2	
26/01/2017	Cambridge News	Residents' parking 'will civilise streets'	P7	
28/01/2017	Cambridge News	Homelessness at record level (SCDC mentioned as having zero rough sleepers)	P12	
28/01/2017	Cambridge News	Congestion charge 'a tax on low-paid	P13	

## 6. 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 26 January: *BBC Online*: [Fly-tippers' rubbish trail that could have been fatal](#)

A country lane was forced to close after fly-tippers dumped rubbish stretching 300ft and 15ft wide along it. Central Bedfordshire Council is working to clear the rubbish.

Friday 27 January: *Express*: [Councils make funding plea after warning of £5.8 billion shortfall](#)

The Local Government Association has warned that more than two thirds of councils will have to find greater than expected savings to plug gaps next year, as a result of government funding reforms.

Tuesday 31: *Mail*: [MPs criticise wealthier locations refusing to house asylum seekers](#)

Asylum seekers must be placed in prosperous parts of the country to ease the burden on public services in poorer areas, according to the Home Affairs Select Committee.

## 7. 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 25 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'](#).

## 8. BT Telephone Box Removals Consultation (Whittlesford)

The Planning Portfolio Holder has decided to object to the removal of the BT telephone box at Whittlesford (in the layby opposite Duxford Imperial War Museum).

*This decision was first published on 1 February 2017 and so the deadline for call-in is 8 February 2017 at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on 9 February 2017.*

## 9. Waiver of Designated Protected Area in Relation to Scheme at Cody Road, Waterbeach (Planning Ref: S/0296/15FL)

The Housing Portfolio Holder has decided to waive the Designated Protection Area for the scheme at Cody Road, Waterbeach, conditional to confirmation from the Homes & Community Agency.

*This decision was first published on Tuesday 31 January and so the deadline for call-in is Tuesday 7 February at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Wednesday 8 February.*

## 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

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



#### Agendas

- [Scrutiny & Overview Committee 7 Feb](#)

#### Decisions

- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Exec Board 25 Jan 2017](#)
- [Council 26 Jan 2017](#)
- [Waiver of Designated Protected Area, Cody Road, Waterbeach](#)
- [BT Telephone Removal, Whittlesford](#)

#### Minutes

- [Cabinet 19 Jan 2017](#)
- [Employment Committee 26 Jan 2017](#)

### 11. SCDC Starters and Leavers



#### New Employees at the Council

Name: Tanya Rhodes-Pitcher  
Job title: Executive Support Officer (Planning & New Communities)  
Date started: 30 January 2017

Name: Beverley Kelly  
Job title: Technical Support Officer  
Date started: 23 January 2017