

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY
2017**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 16 February to Friday 3 March 2017

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 16 Feb				
Fri 17 Feb				
Mon 20 Feb				
Tue 21 Feb	6pm	Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder meeting – CANCELLED		
Wed 22 Feb				
Thu 23 Feb	10am	CDRP Board Stakeholder Event	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams (agenda)
	2pm	Council	Council Chamber	Patrick Adams
Fri 24 Feb				
Mon 27 Feb				
Tue 28 Feb				
Wed 1 Mar	10:30am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
	2pm	Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly	Shire Hall	Patrick Adams (agenda)
Thu 2 Mar				
Fri 3 Mar				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2. 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 SDC.**

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

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.

3. 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 or call 01954 712932 as soon as possible. Refreshments will be available on the night.

4. A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Monthly Bulletin - 2nd Edition

Please find attached the second edition of the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Monthly Bulletin. This edition provides updates on:

- A round-up of January's activities
- Works planned for February
- A14 road closures - overnight closures between Girton and St Ives
- Closure of The Avenue in Madingley from 20 February.

5. Tough Love Info for Community Bookings

Tough **Love** is a 30 minute drama designed for young people; that addresses abuse and exploitation in teenage relationships.

Performances will take place in different settings between Monday 6th March and Friday 24

March

For more details on how to see a performance please see the attached document for details.

Jennifer Holah, Health, Environmental Services & Licensing Resource Team Manager,
jennifer.holah@scams.gov.uk

6. Help to Promote the South Cambridgeshire Dementia Action Alliance

The South Cambridgeshire [Dementia Action Alliance](#) (DAA) will be launched at its first meeting from 8a.m. to 10a.m. on 2nd March 2017.

The Action Alliance will provide the opportunity for organisations and businesses in South Cambridgeshire to meet and to exchange ideas around how they can support customers, staff members and local communities affected by dementia.

At what will be the launch meeting for the South Cambridgeshire DAA, there will be a number of speakers from businesses and organisations talking about the actions that they are taking to become more dementia friendly and their involvement in their local DAAs. There will also be opportunities to network and exchange ideas. A free [Dementia Friends Information Session](#) will be offered at the end of the meeting.

We would be grateful for your support in publicising the event and encouraging organisations and businesses in your local area to attend. We are keen to ensure that plenty of local companies and organisations come to the meeting to take the opportunity to learn about the very simple actions that they can take that will not only support people with dementia and their carers but also benefit their own operations.

Anyone who would like to attend should contact Johanna Davies (email: johanna.davies@scams.gov.uk, Tel: 01954 713465)

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

7. Letter from the Licensing Chairman about the Issuing of Taxi Licences

Please find attached a letter from Councillor Alex Riley, Chairman of the Licensing Committee, in response to reports in the media about the issuing of taxi licences by the Council.

GENERAL INFORMATION

8. 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		
08/02/2017	Cambridge News and	Major changes to bin collections to affect thousands of Cambridgeshire	P4 and	

	online	residents	link	
08/02/2017	Cambridge News	Major changes to waste collection times planned	P4	
08/02/2017	Cambridge news	Anger after 'dangerous' drain is left unrepaired (Cllr Johnson quoted)	P5	
08/02/2017	Cambridge News	MP calls for standard taxi licence rules	P6	
08/02/2017	Cambridge Independent online	Bin collections to change for 81 per cent of Cambridge and South Cambs homes	Link	
08/02/2017	Letsrecycle.com	Cambridgeshire councils to roll out streamlined service	Link	
08/02/2017	Cambridge Independent	Tackling 400,000 tonnes of waste - every year	P6 and 7	
08/02/2017	Cambridge Independent	Busway plans plough forward but no input from residents until their idea is considered (City Deal)	P8 and 9	
08/02/2017	Cambridge Independent	£5 tax increase for South Cambs	P15	
08/02/2017	Cambridge Independent	Debate over village homes	P19	
08/02/2017	Cambridge Independent	Recycling more is a real team effort (letter - opinion piece)	P26	
09/02/2017	Cambridge News	No concern for commuters (City Deal - West Fields Busway - Letter)	P16	
09/02/2017	Cambridge News	Litter bugs on the road (Letter)	P16	
09/02/2017	Cambridge News online	Councillors slam 'scandal' of 10,000 unbuilt homes in South Cambridgeshire	Link	
09/02/2017	Cambridge News online	South Cambridgeshire District Council budget backed by cabinet	Link	
10/02/2017	Cambridge Independent online	South Cambridgeshire moves toward £5 council tax increase	Link	
11/02/2017	Cambridge News	City Deal on the road to reducing congestion	P8	
14/02/2017	Cambridge News	Tree-sy does it (City Deal - Milton Road)	P1 and 3	
14/02/2017	Cambridge News	Call for concert hall in growing city	P2	
15/02/2017	Cambridge News	D-Day looming for new bridge over River Cam (City Deal)	P8	
15/02/2017	Cambridge News	Bus concerns not nimbyism (letter - City Deal)	P18	

9. 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.

Sunday 12 February: *Independent Online*: [Homeless women turned away by locals councils](#)

[“trying to keep numbers down”](#)

Local Councils struggling to meet the demand for emergency housing are turning away vulnerable homeless women, an investigation undertaken by Channel 4’s Dispatches has found.

Monday 13 February: *Times*: [Loop-hole opens way for green belt homes](#)

Thousands more homes could be built on the green belt because of loopholes in the Government’s plans to accelerate housebuilding, according to the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

Monday 13 February: *Sky News Online*: [Councils wasting opportunity to adopt compulsory recycling](#)

Fewer than 10 per cent of councils England and Wales say they make recycling compulsory for their residents, according to an FOI request.

Tuesday 14 February: *BBC Online*: [“Unfit” council home payouts and legal fees hit £35m in five years](#)

Councils have paid more than £35 million in compensation and legal fees in the past five years to tenants living in “unfit” council homes in England, according to a BBC report.

Tuesday 14 February: *BBC Online*: [Brexit: Environmental standards could be eroded warn peers](#)

Upholding environmental standards after Brexit will be hard, peers have said, warning of “worrying complacency” in government about the risks ahead.

Wednesday 15 February: *ITV Online*: [“Is official policy encouraging fly-tipping”](#)

An ITV News investigation suggests that some councils’ policies are adding the problems of fly-tipping by increasing fees to pay for disposing of DIY, bulky or commercial waste.

10. 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 8 MARCH 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'](#).

11. Private Sector Leasing Scheme

Cabinet

- A) Approved the establishment of Shire Homes Letting Ltd as a Council owned housing company to take forward the management of the PSL scheme.
- B) Authorised South Cambridgeshire District Council's Director of Housing to act as the Director of Shire Homes Lettings Ltd in order to establish the company.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 14 February and so the deadline for call-in is Tuesday 21 February at 5pm. If not called-in, this decision can be implemented on Wednesday 22 February.

12. Strategic Risk Register

Cabinet

AGREED the Strategic Risk Register and Matrix set out in Appendix D-E of the Cabinet agenda of Thursday 9 February 2017, noting the new risks identified in paragraph 27 of the report.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 14 February and so the deadline for call-in is Tuesday 21 February at 5pm. If not called-in, this decision can be implemented on Wednesday 22 February.

13. Grants to Mobile Warden Schemes 2017-18

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder has agreed to award Grants to Mobile Warden Schemes in the following villages:
Balsham, Barrington, Bassingbourn, Castle Camps, Cottenham, Harston, Haslingfield, Hauxton, Histon/Impington, Horseheath, Linton, Litlington, Melbourn, Meldreth, Milton, Mordens, Newton, Orwell, Shudy Camps, Swavesey, Teversham, West Wickham, West Wrating and Weston Colville.

Please click on the link below for further details:

<http://scams.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?Id=10315>

This decision was first published on Thursday 9 February and so the deadline for calling-in this

decision is Thursday 16 February at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 17 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

14. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Shadow Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Meeting 22 February](#)

Minutes

- [Council 26 January](#)

Decisions

- [Mobile Warden Schemes Grants 2017-18](#)
- [Cabinet 9 February](#)

15. SCDC Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: David Ousby
Job title: Housing Development Officer (Growth)
Date started: 6 February 2017

Name: Laura Charlwood
Job title: Customer Contact Assistant
Date started: 6 February 2017

Name: Matthew Powell
Job title: Trainee Driver
Date started: 13 February 2017

Staff who have moved jobs

Name: Lindsey Smith
Old job title: HR Co-ordinator
New Job title: HR Advisor
Date moved: 1 February 2017

Name: Bethany Lock
Old job title: Housing Admin Assistant (Apprentice)
New job title: Customer Contact Assistant



Date moved: 6 February 2017



Staff who have left/will be leaving

Name: Jeremy Fairbrother
Job title: Refuse Operative
Date left: 9 February 2017

Name: Brian Hughes
Job title: Trainee HGV/LGV2 Driver
Date left: 1 February 2017

Name: Philip Aldis
Job title: Development Officer
Date leaving: 18 March 2017

Name: Miguel Domingues
Job title: Refuse Loader
Date left: 14 February 2017

Name: Mark Roberts
Job title: Refuse Loader
Date leaving: 14 March 2017

Supporting Older People?

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Case Studies



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Agenda Item 3

Safe & Well

Older People's Co-ordinator

Mental Health First Aid

Scam Prevention

Carer Support

Active & Healthy for Life

Equipment & Resources

Car Schemes

Community Wardens

Bobby Scheme

Community Navigators

Befriending & Visiting

Grants & Funding

...and much more.

Wednesday 8 March 5-7.30pm
Townley Memorial Hall
The Fulbourn Centre
31 Home End, Fulbourn CB21 5BS

Refreshments available

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January's Activities

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

In January the construction team has been busy creating a causeway across the lakes west of the River Great Ouse. This will allow a continuous access from the Buckden Road and works around the new site compound at Brampton.

The crossing of the Ouse is a critical part of the construction programme so its early completion is vital.

Further archaeological works and site clearance have also been undertaken. This has required a number of lane or carriageway closures on the A1 around Alconbury and Brampton.

The team has now started to move into their new offices at Brampton.

Section 3 - East Coast Main Line to Swavesey

Work has continued on our permanent compound at Ermine Street, and the team expect it to be ready for occupation early in February.

Construction of our haul road from Ermine Street to the East Coast main line has been completed and plant crossing points (to allow our traffic to cross the side road) have been put in place at Silver Street.

There has been further works undertaken on site clearance and archaeology along the route of the new road

Section 4 & 5 - Swavesey to Milton

Works continued on the construction of the main project compound at Swavesey Junction. The first staff moved into the building on 16th January and they will be joined by more colleagues over the coming weeks.

Archaeological works and site clearance continues to be undertaken alongside the A14 between Swavesey and Girton in preparation for the main construction works.

A number of overnight lane and carriageway closures have taken place on both the East and Westbound side of the A14. This has allowed us to begin installing CCTV and speed cameras in preparation for the implementation of narrow lanes on both carriageways.



Works for February 2017

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

Works at the River Great Ouse will see the installation of a temporary pontoon crossing. This will allow our machinery to access the east side of the river.

Following the completion of the pontoon crossing, a temporary bridge (Bailey bridge) will be erected. This will then replace the pontoons and will allow the regular movement of machines and materials across the Ouse. This access will allow the construction of bridge bases for both the river crossing and the railway crossing further to the east.

Continued site clearance and archaeological works will necessitate further overnight lane and carriageway closures of the A1 at both Alconbury and Brampton during the month.

Section 3 - East Coast Main Line to Swavesey

Once the compound at Ermine Street is completed staff will begin to migrate into this building from our temporary facilities.

Additional plant crossing points will be created on Hilton Road and this will mean a weekend closure of the road between 8 am Saturday 11th February through to 5 am Monday 13th February.

Archaeology is continuing at the site of the borrow pit near to Hilton Road.

Section 4 & 5 - Swavesey to Milton

Once the installation of CCTV and speed cameras is completed, work will begin to implement the narrow lanes on both carriageways of the A14. This will mean a reduction in the speed limit to 40mph in both directions.

The first narrow lanes are to be located on a section of the A14 approximately half a mile either side at the Bar Hill Junction. The activities needed to create these lanes (including white line removal, renewal and safety barrier placement) will take place at night under road closures on the following dates.

Eastbound carriageway 20th and 21st February

Westbound carriageway 22nd and 23rd February



In preparation for work on the first stage of the new local access road a closure of the Avenue in Madingley will be implemented on 20th February. As a consequence of this there will no access either onto the A14 from the Avenue, or into the Avenue from the A14.

Archaeological work will continue at both Girton Junction and adjacent to the A14 near to the Dry Drayton junction.

Site clearance will also continue in preparation for construction works and this will mean a number of overnight lane closures along the A14

A14 / A1 Road Closures

Further overnight closures will take place on both the East and Westbound carriageways of the A14.

Works on the westbound carriageway (Girton to St Ives) are scheduled for Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd February

Works on the eastbound carriageway (St Ives to Girton) are scheduled for Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th, Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st February

These closures will allow us to finalise the installation of both CCTV and speed cameras in preparation for the implementation of narrow lanes on both carriageways.

For safety reasons this work has had to be carried out at night under a full carriageway closure of the A14.



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Agenda Item 5

Tough Love **Raising Awareness of Unhealthy Teenage Relationships**

A 30 minute play followed by a 30 minute, actor led discussion suitable for young people 11+

Following the success of Chelsea's Choice last year, South Cambs and Cambridge City (SCCC) Children and Young People's Area Partnership with support from the Cambridge City Community Safety Partnership and South Cambs Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership are supporting a tour of Tough Love in March 2017

More about Tough Love

Tough Love is a 30 minute drama designed for young people; that addresses abuse and exploitation in teenage relationships

It tells the story of 15 year old Becka and her relationship with her violent and controlling 17 year old boyfriend Danny. How they met, how they fell in love, how the control & abuse started and how Becka managed to get help

It has been devised by Alter Ego; the theatre company behind last year's production, of Chelsea's Choice. Key points from the evaluation of Chelsea's Choice are included below. Local discussions suggest that Tough Love is a more suitable show for SCCC as it covers a broader scope of unhealthy relationships not just Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

After watching Tough Love audiences will:-

- Have a raised awareness of what coercive control is
- Have a raised awareness of what domestic abuse is
- Have a raised awareness of what makes a healthy relationship
- Have a raised awareness of what makes an unhealthy relationship
- Be sign-posted to appropriate help and support

For more information about Tough Love and the production team, Alter Ego, see www.alteregocreativesolutions.co.uk

Free performances for community settings and groups

Performances will take place in different settings between Monday 6th March and Friday 24 March

Thanks to support from South Cambs Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and Cambridge City Council we are able to offer up to 10 performances to community settings free of charge

Performances could be for young people; parents and carers; adults working with young people or whose work impacts on young people; staff in organisations who are also parents

We have morning and afternoon slots available but all evening slots are now booked

Your Commitment

In order to host a performance you will be expected to...

- provide a suitable space for the performance. The actors need a space 4m x 4m and access to power. Whilst actors are happy to work on the same level as the audience we would suggest that for numbers over 30 a stage or raised area would be more suitable
- provide hospitality for the actors on the day. There are 2 actors in the team. Tea/coffee/water is generally all they require

How we can help you

We are happy to talk to you about your ideas for a performance and can help with further information and links to local organisations working with young people on healthy relationships who can support work on the day or after the performance

We are producing a directory of local support that will be shared with anyone booking a performance

Booking your performance

Performances are available during the weeks beginning

- 6 March
- 13 March
- 20 March

Morning and afternoon performances are available on a first come first served basis

For an up-to-date list of slots available or to book a performance please contact Jennifer.holah@scams.gov.uk

Thank you for supporting this project



Simon Holmes
On behalf of SCCC Area Partnership

Tough Love – 2017 Tour –Booking Form :

Setting:

Contact:

How many performances would you like to book?

What are your preferred performance times?

Week 1

		AM	PM
Monday	6 March	X	
Tuesday	7 March	X	X
Wednesday	8 March	X	
Thursday	9 March	X	X
Friday	10 March	X	X

Week 2

		AM	PM
Monday	13 March	X	
Tuesday	14 March	X	X
Wednesday	15 March		X
Thursday	16 March	X	X
Friday	17 March		

Week 3

		AM	PM
Monday	20 March	X	X
Tuesday	21 March		
Wednesday	22 March		X
Thursday	23 March		X
Friday	24 March		X

'X' – not available

Please return to Jennifer.holah@scams.gov.uk

Recall of the play by young people after 3 months was high.

Key messages young people took from the play were 'stay safe on line' and 'talk to someone if you have worries or concerns'. There were also a significant number of references to 'stranger danger'

The message I would give is don't trust people that buy you expensive things even if they say they love you. And that this can happen to not just girls it can happen to boys too. SC M Y10

Don't talk to people you don't know or that are significantly older. Also, if someone asks you for inappropriate photos, say no. Even if you are in a relationship, trust them etc SC F Y9

Around 10% of young people said they could not identify 2 people they would feel comfortable talking to about CSE or unhealthy relationships

Young people wanted more follow up work and suggested it should...

- Take place in small groups eg Tutor Groups
- Take place soon after the show but leave sufficient time for the audience to process what they have seen
- Provide information on who to talk to that is specific to the area and not just school based
- Provide information on healthy relationships - what is an unhealthy relationship? How to avoid them and how to get out of them
- Include discussion on other types of CSE

Young people want to know more about...

- Healthy relationships – how to distinguish between healthy and unhealthy relationships; how to avoid getting into unhealthy relationships and how to get out of them
How to leave the relationship if it's not necessarily illegal, just manipulative and unhealthy. How to escape from someone who wants to get you into an unhealthy relationship, or wants to exploit you FY10
- Who to talk to about concerns about unhealthy relationships and how to have a conversation about relationships
How to tell someone if it ever did happen to me as it is obviously a hard topic to talk about so it would be nice to see ways how people can admit it even if they are scared FY10
- Other types of CSE –other than the older man/younger girl boyfriend model

91% thought Chelsea's Choice was a good/very good way to get the message about CSE to young people; this figure rose to 94.5% of girls and 94% of students in Y10.

Staff thought the play was powerful, relevant and engaging

Parents and carers thought the play put over the messages very well and provided an impetus to talk to their children about the issues

Fantastic, gripping and shows how easy it can happen. Really insightful as to what makes a healthy relationship

It is informative, very real and perfectly aimed at young people – brilliant

Agenda Item 7

Dear Members

As you may be aware there have been media reports this week on taxi licensing that have given the impression that South Cambs is very lax in the way it gives out licences to taxi drivers.

This follows a Freedom of information request to all authorities in the East for information on the number of taxi licences granted over recent years by either a Licensing Hearings Panel or Magistrates Court.

The media articles made specific mention of those with serious convictions, including murderers and violent or sexual offenders, being allowed by ourselves to drive taxis. There is absolutely no truth in these claims.

I want to reassure all members that our policies in South Cambs are very robust and in line with national guidelines. Officers in the Licensing team, as well as all members of the Licensing Hearings Panel, are fully aware that the sole licensing objective is the protection of the public.

Officers and members undertake regular training.

Applicants have to make a detailed statement about any past offences, and are also subjected to an enhanced DBS (this used to be called CRB) check which will show any previous convictions/cautions or warnings irrespective of how old they may be.

It can happen that an applicant has committed offences in the past, but they will only be granted a licence if they are deemed to be a “fit and proper person”. If there is any doubt the case will go to a Hearings Panel drawn from members of the Licensing Committee.

Should any applicant be refused a licence they have the right of appeal to the Magistrates’ Court. I believe our robustness of decision making is reflected in the fact that we have only lost one appeal in the Magistrates Court over the last 2 yrs.

Should you wish to look at our current policy on convictions it is available via the following link :-

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/taxi-licences>

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Myles Bebbington in Environmental Health and Licensing

Yours Faithfully

Cllr Riley

Licensing Committee Chairman

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