

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY
2017**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 23 February to Friday 10 March 2017

| Date | Time | Name | Venue | Contact |
|------------|--------|---|-----------------|---|
| Thu 23 Feb | 10am | CDRP Board Stakeholder Event | Monkfield Room | Ian Senior (minutes) |
| | 2pm | Council | Council Chamber | Patrick Adams |
| Fri 24 Feb | | | | |
| Mon 27 Feb | | | | |
| Tue 28 Feb | | | | |
| Wed 1 Mar | 9:45am | Planning Committee | Council Chamber | Ian Senior |
| | 2pm | Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly | Shire Hall | Patrick Adams |
| Thu 2 Mar | | | | |
| Fri 3 Mar | | | | |
| Mon 6 Mar | | | | |
| Tue 7 Mar | | | | |
| Wed 8 Mar | 2pm | Economic Development Portfolio Holder Meeting – CANCELLED | | |
| | 4pm | Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board | Shire Hall | Patrick Adams |
| Thu 9 Mar | | | | |
| Fri 10 Mar | | | | |

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

3. 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 | | |
|------------|--------------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| 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 | |
| 15/02/2017 | Custom Build Strategy | South Cambs District Council shares its custom build philosophy – and action plan | Link | |
| 15/02/2017 | BBC Radio Cambridgeshire | Cambridge City Football Club - appeal against Council decision upheld | | |
| 15/02/2017 | Cambridge News online | Judges uphold appeal against new Cambridge City FC stadium in Sawston | Link | |
| 16/02/2017 | Cambridge News | Proposal for city quarter at new railway station | P4 | |
| 16/02/2017 | Cambridge News | Cycle groups backing for 'vital' bridge | P14 | |
| 16/02/2017 | Cambridge News online | Hundreds turn out to oppose village plans for village South Cambridgeshire village | Link | |
| 17/02/2017 | Cambridge News | Villagers in protest over new village homes development | P4 | |
| 17/02/2017 | Cambridge News | How to tackle growing pains (letter - City Deal) | P4 | |
| 17/02/2017 | Cambridge News online | Liberal Democrat councillor apologises for 'untrue' council 'tax dodge' claims | Link | |
| 18/02/2017 | Cambridge News | Councillor says sorry for housing 'tax dodge' claims | P10 | |
| 18/02/2017 | Cambridge News | Delay over bus lanes decision (City Deal) | P14 | |
| 19/02/2017 | Cambridge News online | Hildersham residents seek investors to help buy and re-open Pear Tree pub | link | |
| 20/02/2017 | Cambridge | Villagers seek funds to buy back lost | P8 | |

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| | News | pub | | |
| 21/02/2017 | Cambridge News | Setting sights on our 'smart city' in 2050 (City Deal) | P6 | |

4. 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.

Friday 17 February 2017: *ITV Online*: [Rubbish disposal fees could be spurring fly-tipping](#)
Rubbish disposal fees charged by council dumps could be spurring on Britain's fly-tipping problem, according to those living in affected areas.

Tuesday 21 February 2017: *Guardian*: [Council funding freeze "means cuts to many essential services"](#)
The Chairman of the LGA has warned that councils will need to cut a range of services after ministers released a funding settlement for councils that offered no additional money during 2017/18.

Tuesday 21 February 2017: *Telegraph*: [Business rates blow to be "softened" in the Budget](#)
Philip Hammond has indicated that he is prepared to take measures in the Budget to help those worst affected by the business rates rise.

5. 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 15 FEBRUARY 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'](#).

6. Proposed Fees and Charges for Health and Environmental Services 2017/18

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder

AGREED

- A) The fees and charges as set out in appendix 1 of the report, with the amendment of the maximum charge for the Serving of Improvement Notices Under the Housing Act 2004 to £550.
- B) The fees and charges for the Commercial Waste Service, as laid out in the report.

This decision was first published on Thursday 16 February and so the deadline for call-in is Thursday 23 February at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 24 February.

7. Active and Healthy for Life

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder

AGREED

- A) That Cottenham centre remain on review to give them opportunity to improve with a new manager.
- B) That Cambourne centre remain on review to see if future development plans can capitalise on the potential of this centre.
- C) To support the future long term vision for the A&H4L scheme.
- D) To support the aims for 2017/2018 financial year.

This decision was first published on Thursday 16 February and so the deadline for call-in is Thursday 23 February at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 24 February.

8. Responding to East Cambridgeshire District Council's public consultation on the "East Cambridgeshire Local Plan: Further Draft - January 2017"

The Planning Portfolio Holder

AGREED To submit the Proposed Response (included in the attached Appendix 1) to ECDC in response to their consultation on "East Cambridgeshire Local Plan: Further Draft – January 2017"

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

9. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [CDRP Board Stakeholder Event 23 Feb](#)
- [Council 23 Feb](#)
- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly 1 Mar](#)
- [Planning Committee 1 Mar](#)
- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board 8 Mar](#)

Decisions

- [Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting 15 Feb](#)

Minutes

- [Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting 17 Jan](#)
- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly 18 Jan](#)
- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board 25 Jan](#)
- [Planning Committee 1 Feb](#)

10. SCDC Starters and Leavers



Staff who have moved jobs

Name: Jessica Bates
Old job title: Benefits Customer Services Assistant
New job title: Revenues & Benefits Support Officer
Date moving: 1 March 2017

Name: Arkadiusz Wieczorek
Old job title: Surveyor (response Maintenance)
New job title: Contacts Management (Response)
Date moved: 20 February 2017



Staff who have left

Name: David Goddard-Gill
Job title: Contract Manager (Response)
Date left: 19 February 2017

Supporting Older People?

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Case Studies



South
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Agenda Item 2

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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Appendix 1

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Agenda Item 8



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22 February 2017

Dear Richard,

East Cambridgeshire Local Plan Further Draft and Duty to Co-operate

Thank you for the invitation to respond to the second of three consultations on the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan: the 'Further Draft – January 2017', and whether the Duty to co-operate requirements have been fulfilled.

Objectively Assessed Need for Homes

The Councils note the housing requirement of 11,400 dwellings for East Cambridgeshire between 2014 and 2036, and the continued use of the Memorandum of Co-operation for the redistribution of need within the Housing Market Area. The Councils also recognise that the 'East Cambridgeshire Objectively Assessed Housing Need – October 2016' report refers to the evidence base documents prepared for the Cambridge Housing Market Area in 2013 as relevant to the setting of housing need, and that the calculation of the objectively assessed need for East Cambridgeshire builds upon this existing evidence and recognises the functional operation of the Housing Market Area.

Duty to Co-operate and Strategic Issues

There are matters in the 'Local Plan – Further Draft' that have the potential to fall under the Duty to Co-operate definition of a strategic matter. The development strategy proposed for East Cambridgeshire and its potential impacts on infrastructure may comprise a strategic matter, especially in combination with the development strategy for Greater Cambridge, as there are likely to be impacts on transport infrastructure across more than one planning authority area. The development strategy proposed for East Cambridgeshire includes proposed allocations with a capacity of over 5,600 dwellings at Ely and Littleport, both on the A10. These two settlements will be providing over half of the growth proposed in the district, and when considered cumulatively with the development strategy for Greater Cambridge that also proposes significant development on the A10 at Waterbeach and Cambridge Northern Fringe East, there are likely to be significant impacts on the A10.

In our letter dated 24 March 2016 responding to the consultation on the 'East Cambridgeshire Local Plan: Preliminary Draft – February 2016', the Councils highlighted that East Cambridgeshire District Council's decision on the distribution of growth, when considered cumulatively with the development strategy for Greater Cambridge, could have potential impacts on the A10 that could amount to a strategic matter, and therefore that there was a need for the Councils to work closely together to ensure that any impacts could be acceptably mitigated.

In the 'Further Draft – January 2017' and its supporting documents, it is not clear how East Cambridgeshire District Council has considered and responded to the concerns that the Councils outlined last year highlighting this matter. Our records do not show that East Cambridgeshire District Council has initiated any officer level discussions with the Councils under the Duty to Co-operate relating to this potential strategic matter since the consultation on the 'Preliminary Draft – February 2016'.

The Councils approached relevant officers at East Cambridgeshire District Council in 2015 and 2016 to be part of the A10 Corridor Transport Study that is currently being prepared. This study is being funded by developers, Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council and being undertaken by Mott MacDonald to develop transport options for the A10 corridor and provide clarity on any mitigation measures that will be needed. The Councils are not aware of any other meetings outside of the A10 work related to the Duty to Co-operate.

The Councils note that the site assessments (included in the 'Site Assessment Evidence Report – January 2017') for each of the sites considered in Ely and Littleport record that Cambridgeshire County Council has highlighted concerns that the impact of all the identified sites in these settlements could have a significant cumulative impact on transport infrastructure. The County Council's comments also state that should significant development across a number of sites be proposed then a cumulative impact assessment will need to be undertaken to demonstrate that any significant cumulative impacts can be satisfactorily mitigated.

The 'East Cambridgeshire Growth Study – January 2017' identifies the draft Transport Strategy for East Cambridgeshire (February 2016) as a relevant consideration in developing the alternative growth strategy options. We note that the draft Transport Strategy for East Cambridgeshire (February 2016) was developed based on the growth strategy included in the adopted East Cambridgeshire Local Plan (2015) rather than the proposed growth strategy in the 'Further Draft – January 2017'. In relation to the

A10, the proposed growth strategy in the 'Further Draft – January 2017', compared with the adopted 2015 Local Plan strategy, includes significant additional proposed allocations at Littleport, and amendments are proposed to the adopted allocations at Ely. Cambridgeshire County Council as the Highways Authority will advise whether a cumulative impact assessment is needed and that will inform the Councils' view at subsequent stages of the Plan.

The Councils appreciate East Cambridgeshire District Council's need to facilitate growth in its district through its proposed growth strategy and accompanying proposed allocations. However, the Councils would welcome further engagement to ensure that the proposed development strategies for Greater Cambridge and East Cambridgeshire, and their cumulative impacts on the A10 and any other transport infrastructure, can be acceptably mitigated. Any discussions should include East Cambridgeshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridge City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council. The Councils do not consider that it is necessary to prepare a joint Local Plan to address this matter.

Other Issues

The Councils also have the following detailed comments on the 'East Cambridgeshire Local Plan: Further Draft – January 2017':

The longstanding purposes of the Cambridge Green Belt are consistent between Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, and should also be consistent in East Cambridgeshire. We therefore propose that the Green Belt purposes set out in the second sentence of paragraph 3.9.2 should be amended as follows: "The purposes of the Cambridge Green Belt are to: preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, **dynamic** city with a thriving historic centre; maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting; and prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city."

The Councils look forward to hearing from you to progress matters.

Yours sincerely

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