

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

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
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 (agenda)
Thu 9 Mar				
Fri 10 Mar				
Mon 13 Mar				
Tue 14 Mar				
Wed 15 Mar	4:30pm	Housing Portfolio Holder's meeting	Monkfield Room	Victoria Wallace
Thu 16 Mar				
Fri 17 Mar				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Ormiston Families Lecture from Chair of the Prison Reform Trust: Wed 8 March at 6pm at Emmanuel College

James Timpson OBE will be giving a lecture on practical insights of prison reform, together with his commitment to seeing a step change in the way the system deals with offenders, will make a positive contribution to the Trust and the people it supports.

Where: Queens Building, Emmanuel College, Cambridge
When: Wednesday 8 March 2017 at 6pm
Cost: Tickets are £23 per head

For more information, please contact Gavin Lamb on 01473 705034.

3. Community Awards Evening

The annual celebration of outstanding contributors to our communities takes place in the Chamber next Thursday evening, 9th March. Awards will be presented for best Environment project, best Wellbeing initiative, Parish Councillor of the Year, Outstanding Youth Initiative, Outstanding Local Service or Amenity and Village Hero.

Members are welcome to attend. Please note that due to space restrictions, we are not able to extend the invitation to Members' partners this year, and it may be necessary to seat some guests in the Public Gallery during the presentations.

If you would like to attend, please contact Sustainable Communities Project Officer, Siobhan Mellon, Siobhan.mellon@scambs.gov.uk 01954 713395.

The event is likely to be of particular interest this year to Members for Bassingbourn, Cottenham, Croydon, Gamlingay, Ickleton, Little Abington, Longstanton, Milton, Over, Swavesey, and Toft.

4. Tough Love: Play on safe and appropriate relationships for young people

"Tough Love" is a play addressing safe and appropriate relationships for young people. Part of the South Cambridgeshire Community Safety and Young People's Partnership work to raise awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation, "Tough Love" will be performed in all South Cambridgeshire secondary schools over the coming weeks for students aged 11+. In addition, there are 5 public performances of "Tough Love" being put on for anyone in the community who wants to understand more about signs of abuse in teenage relationships. Details of these bookable (but "free-of-charge") community performances are contained in the attached posters. We'd be grateful if you could promote "Tough Love" in your local Parish area and of course, you'd be welcome to attend.

5. 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

6. 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		
22/02/2017	Cambridge Independent	Bin collections to change for most homes next week	P2	
22/02/2017	Dunmow Broadcast online	District council leadership accused of "underhand behaviour" from R4U	Link	
23/02/2017	Cambridge News	Police probe into fake taxi badges	P12	
24/02/2017	Letsrecycle.com	Cambridgeshire councils in collections overhaul	Link	
25/02/2017	Cambridge News	Plans for 6,500 new homes to transform former barracks	P12	
27/02/2017	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	CLr Howell interviewed about changes to bin collections		
27/02/2017	Cambridge News	Fulbourn Fields campaigners face fresh battle as new plan for 110 homes is submitted	Link	
27/02/2017	Chartered Institute of Waste Management	New Cambridgeshire Bin Rounds To "Streamline" Collection	Link	
28/02/2017	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	CLr Wotherspoon interviewed about Waterbeach planning application and transport concerns		
28/02/2017	Cambridge News	Fresh home plan for village fields	P6	
28/02/2017	Cambridge News	Comment on the new plan (letter - Fulbourn application)	P18	
28/02/2017	Cambridge News	We've never had it so good	Link	

7. 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.

Thursday 23 February 2017: *BBC Online*: [Parish council tax bills rise despite squeeze](#)
The total amount of council tax collected by parish councils rose from £361 million to £434 million from 2013/14 to 2016/17, BBC analysis.

Friday 24 February 2017: *Guardian*: [Successful business rates appeals falling](#)
The percentage of successful business rates appeals has fallen, new figures show. Almost 2 million appeals were made to the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) against 2005 and 2010 valuations.

Sunday 26 February 2017: *Sunday Times*: [How to end fly-tipping scourge](#)
In the year to September 2015, there were 900,000 recorded incidents of fly-tipping. LGA said the shorter lifespan of white goods and the way councils have made it easier to report fly-tipping have contributed to the rise.

Sunday 26 February 2017: *Observer*: [Rethink on plans to cut housing benefit for 18-21s](#)
Plans to cut housing benefit for people aged 18 to 21 from April are being reconsidered by government.

Monday 27 February 2017: *BBC Online*: [Business rates a "ticking time bomb" for small firms](#)
Business rates are a "ticking time bomb" for small companies in England which should be offered emergency help, the Shadow Business Secretary has said.

Monday 27 February 2017: *BBC Online*: [Keep Britain Tidy calls for simpler recycling bin collections](#)
Household recycling levels are low in England because some council schemes are too confusing, campaigners claim.

Tuesday 28 February 2017: *Independent*: [Surveillance state? More than half of councils give body cameras to staff](#)
More than half of UK councils have given body-worn cameras to their officials to help tackle anti-social behaviour and offences such as littering and dog-fouling.

Wednesday 1 March 2017: *Guardian*: [New wave of cuts ahead](#)
Frances Ryan warns government against any further cuts to local government in the Spring Budget.

8. 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 22 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'](#).

9. **13 Affordable Council Homes on Larger Site at High Street Balsham**

The Housing Portfolio Holder

AGREED to approve the project spend, including the use of £200,000 of commuted sums money, and to finalise the contract terms and legal requirements to achieve a start on site in Autumn 2017 to provide 13 affordable homes in Balsham.

Please note that this decision was first published on 22 February 2017 and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 1 March 2017 at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Thursday 2 March.

10. **Increase in Affordable Rents for 2017/18 in line with Local Housing Allowance Increases**

The Housing Portfolio Holder

AGREED to amend combined rents and charges for 2 and 4 bedroom affordable rented homes to reflect the agreed Local Housing Allowance levels for 2017/18.

Please note that this decision was first published on 24 February 2017 and so the deadline for call-in is Friday 3 March 2017 at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Monday 6 March.

11. **Purchase of 3 affordable dwelling from Beechdale Homes**

The Housing Portfolio Holder

AGREED to approve the purchase of 3 affordable homes in Linton of £408,150 from the Council's housing development programme.

Please note that this decision was first published on 22 February 2017 and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 1 March 2017 at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Thursday 2 March.

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

12. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Decisions

- [Increase in Affordable Rents for 2017/18 in line with LHA increases](#)
- [13 Affordable Council Homes at Balsham](#)
- [Purchase of 3 affordable dwelling from Beechdale Homes](#)
- [Council 23 Feb](#)

13. SCDC Starters and Leavers



Staff who have left/ will be leaving

Name: Sally Smart
Job title: Principal Accountant
Date leaving: 31 March 2017

Name: Andrew Fillmore
Job title: Principal Planning Officer
Date leaving: 19 March 2017