

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2017**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from 9 March to 24 March 2017

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 9 Mar				
Fri 10 Mar				
Mon 13 Mar				
Tue 14 Mar				
Wed 15 Mar	4:30pm	Housing Portfolio Holder Meeting	Monkfield Room	Victoria Wallace
Thu 16 Mar				
Fri 17 Mar				
Mon 20 Mar				
Tue 21 Mar	6pm	Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting - CANCELLED		
Wed 22 Mar				
Thu 23 Mar	9:30am	Planning Committee – PROVISIONAL	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
	10am	Civic Affairs Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
Fri 24 Mar				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2. Deadline for Expenses Claims for 2016/17

Please note that the deadline for Members' expenses for 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 is: **9am on Monday 3 April**

This is to allow the accounts to be closed in accordance with the timescales set by the Government. Please contact [Patrick Adams](#) for further details.

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & PARISH COUNCILS

3. Community Safety Summit 18 March 2017

The Police are hosting a Community Safety Summit at the District Council's offices on Saturday 18 March. Please find a poster attached.

4. ACV Update - Black Horse in Dry Drayton

On Monday 6 March 2017, the Council received notification of intention to sell from the Owners of
The Black Horse, 35 Park Street, Dry Drayton, Cambridge, CB23 8DA

The sale has now entered the interim moratorium period of six weeks, to give any community group the opportunity to submit an intention to bid.
The interim moratorium will close at midnight on **17 April 2017**.

For further information see www.scambs.gov.uk/community-right-bid

5. A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Monthly Bulletin

Please find attached the latest A14 Bulletin.

6. A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Improvement Scheme

Highways England started a [consultation on options to improve the A428](#) between the Black Cat roundabout and the Caxton Gibbet roundabout. There is a [questionnaire](#) that can be filled out online.

They are consulting on three options to provide a new dual carriageway between Black Cat and Caxton Gibbet which will be built away from the current alignment of the existing A428. Highways England are also proposing options to improve the junctions at Black Cat and Caxton Gibbet. The [consultation brochure](#) contains information about the options being proposed.

The **deadline for comments is 23 April 2017**.

There are a number of exhibitions been held during the consultation where you can speak to Highways England's team about the proposals (see the [consultation brochure](#) for details).

7. Housing Market Bulletin - March 2017

Please find attached March's edition of the Housing Market Bulletin, which keeps track of local, regional and national housing market signals to December 2016.

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		
01/03/2017	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Plans for Great Eversden affordable housing scheme quashed		
01/03/2017	Planning Resource	Plans submitted for 6,500-home Cambridgeshire new town	Link	
01/03/2017	Ely Standard Online	Have your say on proposals for new town north of Waterbeach which could create 6,500 homes	Link	
01/03/2017	Cambridge News online	Residents to have their say on plans for 6,500 new homes at Waterbeach barracks	Link	
01/03/2017	Cambridge News	Latest plans for unspoilt Cambridgeshire land thrown into chaos after High Court ruling	Link	
02/03/2017	Cambridge News	Land plans thrown into chaos after court ruling	P6	

02/03/2017	Cambridge News	Residents to have say on barrack plan	P7	
02/03/2017	Cambridge News	Devolution chiefs call for A1307 'workshops'	P8	
02/03/2017	Cambridge News online	New homes too expensive for 83 per cent of 'ordinary families'	Link	
02/03/2017	Cambridge News online	Tim Henman opens Cocks & Hens new tennis courts - and settles 35-year-old grudge (Cllr Ellington guest)	Link	
04/03/2017	Cambridge News	And now... a 120mph electric driverless bus (City Deal)	P1 and 4	
04/03/2017	Cambridge News	Campaigner slams 'unacceptable' A1307 cycleways plan (City Deal)	P6	
04/03/2017	Cambridge News	Protection for green belt (Letter - Cllr Roberts)	P14	
04/03/2017	Cambridge News	Fear over expense of electric car chargers (City Deal)	P6	
07/03/2017	Ely Standard Online	SE Cambs MP Lucy Frazer hails 'proactive' Cambridgeshire for its work with rehoming refugees	Link	
08/03/2017	Cambridge News	Government signs off new combined authority	P6	

9. 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 2 March: *Radio 4 Money Box*: [Business rates – time for reform?](#)

The link above will take you to a 30 minute recording of Radio 4's Money Box programme where Cllr John Fuller, Vice Chairman of the LGA's Resources Board explains the ongoing risk of business rate appeals to councils.

Friday 3 March: *Guardian*: [Rise in fly-tipping results in £50 million clearance bill](#)

New figures show that councils had to spend nearly £50 million clearing more than 900,000 cases of fly-tipping in England last year.

Friday 3 March: *BBC Online*: Business Rates: [Sajid Javid considers rates discount plan](#)

Plans to help nearly 100,000 small businesses due to be hit by changes to business rates next month are being considered by Communities Secretary Sajid Javid.

Sunday 5 March: *Observer*: [Benefit freeze leaves families facing steep rent rise or eviction](#)

Families who rely on state help to pay their rent will have to find hundreds of pounds extra every month to avoid eviction because of the Government's freeze on housing benefit, it is claimed.

Sunday 5 March: *Guardian*: [Campaigners call for land ministry to halt the 'erosion of the countryside'](#)

The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) has called for a new "department of land use" to prevent "piecemeal erosion of the countryside" caused by a lack of joined-up thinking in Government.

Tuesday 7 March: *Guardian*: [Rethink rates now or face retail disaster, shops tell Chancellor](#)
Britain's hard-pressed retailers have urged the Chancellor to rethink government plans for revamping business rates amid signs that rising inflation has led to the weakest high street spending in more than five years.

Tuesday 7 March: *Guardian*: [Councils are facing bankruptcy – is this the end of public service?](#)
Columnist Peter Wilby argues that the abiding problem of local government in Britain is that nobody wants to pay for it.

Wednesday 8 March: *Times*: [Snail farms and balloons help landlords avoid business rates](#)
Landlords are exploiting legal loopholes to escape paying business rates at a cost to councils of £230 million a year, experts have claimed.

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.

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

11. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Housing Portfolio Holder's Meeting 15 March 2017](#)

Decisions

- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly 1 March 2017](#)
- [Planning Committee 1 March 2017](#)

12. SCDC Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Brian Strange
Job title: Refuse Driver
Date started: 6 March 2017



Staff who will be moving jobs

Name: Joseph Byrne
Old job title: Resource Assistant
New job title: Digital Support Officer
Date moving: 20 March 2017



Staff who have left/ will be leaving

Name: Rhiannon Pearman
Job title: Administrative Assistant
Date leaving: 31 March 2017