

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



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 16 March to Friday 31 March 2017

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 16 Mar				
Fri 17 Mar				
Mon 20 Mar				
Tue 21 Mar	6pm	Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting – CANCELLED		
Wed 22 Mar				
Thu 23 Mar	9:30am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
	10am	Civic Affairs Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
Fri 24 Mar				
Mon 27 Mar				
Tue 28 Mar				
Wed 29 Mar				
Thu 30 Mar				
Fri 31 Mar	9:30am	Audit and Corporate Governance Committee	Swansley Rom	Patrick Adams

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 AND PARISH COUNCILS

3. Resignation of Councillor Mervyn Loynes

Please note that District Councillor Mervyn Loynes, local member for the Bourn ward, resigned on Monday 13 March. A by-election will be held on Thursday 4 May.

The Bourn ward, which includes the villages of Bourn, Cambourne, Caxton, Croxton and Eltisley, is a three member ward and so is currently represented by just two councillors: [Councillor Simon Crocker](#) and [Councillor Des O'Brien](#).

4. A14 Improvements: A14C2H Mobile Visitor Centre

The A14C2H improvement scheme covers a long and congested section of the A14. To ensure everyone has the information they need about the project, the team has invested in a mobile visitor centre that will allow them to visit local communities and events.

- The visitor centre is a 3.5 tonne vehicle (so village weight restrictions should not be a problem)

- it has both ramp and step access
- it needs a space of 8m x 4m to be set up
- an electricity supply would be an advantage, but is not essential as the bus comes fully self-contained with a generator
- it's FREE

The project team want to visit as many towns, villages, business premises, local events, libraries, community and support groups as possible over the next few years, to share information about traffic management, scheme progress, possible job opportunities and other topics of interest.

If you'd like to talk to someone about booking the visitor centre please call 0800 270 0114 or email A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk

5. **Asset of Community Value: Gamlingay First School Field**

The Council has made the decision to list Gamlingay First School Field as an asset of community value and will amend the asset register accordingly.

Further information about the Community Right to Bid and Assets of Community Value can be found on our webpage:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-right-bid>

6. **Northstowe Community Update - March 2017**

Please find attached a round up of recent activity at Northstowe.

7. **Planning Open Day: Mon 20 March 1-5pm**

A reminder that Monday 20th March 1-5pm is our Planning Open Day.

The Planning service is opening its doors to residents offering free advice and tips for any wanting to extend or alter their homes. The event is aimed at people who want to undertake a project but don't know where to start.

In general, people put in very few applications in a lifetime and we want to demystify the planning process.

The day will include drop-in planning & building regulation clinics, tours of the department, an opportunity to find out more about what's happening around the district, neighbourhood planning and the local plan.

The programme of talks and seminars includes:

1.15pm – 1.30pm	Welcome, an Introduction to our Planning Service and an opportunity to meet our Joint Planning Director
1.45pm – 2.05pm	How to make a planning application & get it right
2.20pm – 2.40pm	The benefits of seeking pre-application advice
2.55pm – 3.15pm	Extending your house near trees? What to do.
3.30pm – 3.50pm	Listed Buildings - Altering or extending a listed building, what do I need to think about?
4.05pm – 4.25pm	What is Neighbourhood Planning?
4.40pm – 5pm	Thinking about a career in Planning?

The event is part of a wider day with our counterparts in Cambridge City Planning Service running a similar event and programme in the morning (9-12 noon at The Guildhall).

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		
08/03/2017	Cambridge News	Government signs off new combined authority	P6	
08/03/2017	Cambridge News online	Cambridge United fans say 'it's time to step up'	Link	
08/03/2017	Cambridge Independent	Could busways be used for new 120mph system? (City Deal)	P1 and 6	
09/03/2017	Cambridge News online	Green light for new cycle network, but will Cambridge's Station Square prove an obstacle?	Link	
10/03/2017	Cambridge News	Data on road plan is 'years' out of date (City Deal)	P14	
10/03/2017	Royston Crow online	South Cambs constituency boundary changes: MP Heidi Allen urges people to back counter proposal in bid to stop villages going to North East Herts	Link	
11/03/2017	Cambridge News	'Greenways' to boost cyclists (City Deal)	P4	
13/03/2017	Cambridge News	Top unsung heroes are honoured with awards	P6	
13/03/2017	Cambridge News	Time for board to speak out (City Deal - letter)	P18	

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 9 March: *Telegraph*: [Budget 2017: Pubs see extra help in business rates revamp](#)
Pubs and small businesses will receive extra help with their business rates bill, the Chancellor has announced.

Thursday 9 March: *Times*: [Locals fear second Dale Farm on field readied by travellers](#)
A group of Essex residents say that travellers are secretly building an illegal site in Basildon that could become a second Dale Farm. Basildon Council's leader, Cllr Phil Turner, has called for

government to give councils emergency powers to take immediate action against unauthorised developments.

Friday 10 March: *Times*: [Business rates backtrack could save firms £2.5bn](#)

Companies could pay £2.5 billion less in business rates over the next five years after the Government made a U-turn over its reforms.

Saturday 11 March: *Mail*: [Fly-tip Britain](#)

A feature article considers the problem of fly-tipping after new government figures show there were nearly one million incidents in England last year.

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. Pay Award 2017/2018

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder

AGREED

- A) Apply a 1% increase on all pay points with effect from 1 April 2017 or the Living Wage rate (effective at 1 April 2017) of £8.45 per hour, whichever is the highest, with effect from 1 April 2017.

The Council has an obligation under TUPE to apply a pay award to transferred staff therefore it was agreed that:

- B) The Council applies the 1% increase to the former Veolia employees, with effect from 1 April 2017 and
C) Delegated authority be given to the interim Chief Executive, to approve any adjustment required following Veolia's conclusion of pay negotiations for 2017/2018.

The decision for 2017/2018 is within agreed budget provision.

Please note that this decision was first published on Tuesday 14 March and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Tuesday 21 March. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Wednesday 22 March.

12. Responding to Forest Heath District Council's public consultation on the 'Proposed Submission Single Issue Review of Core Strategy Policy and Proposed Submission Site Allocations Local Plan

The Planning Portfolio Holder has responded to Forest Heath District Council's public consultation on their Local Plan. Please click on the link below for more details:

<http://scams.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?Id=10347>

Please note that this decision was first published on Monday 13 March and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 20 March at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Tuesday 21 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.scams.gov.uk/content/access-information>

OTHER INFORMATION

13. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Civic Affairs Committee 23 March](#)

Decisions

- [Responding to Forest Heath District Council's public consultation on the Local Plan](#)
- [Pay Award 2017/2018](#)
- [Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board 8 March 2017](#)

Minutes

- [Cabinet 9 Feb](#)

14. SCDC Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Richard Alleyne
Job title: Neighbourhood Support Officer
Date started: 1 March 2017

Name: Karolina Rabeszko
Job title: Catering Assistant
Date started: 9 January 2017

Name: William Munro
Job title: Refuse Driver
Date started: 13 March 2017

Name: Wilma Wilkie
Job title: Democratic Services
Date started: 13 March 2017



Staff who have left/will be leaving

Name: Jacqueline Peyton
Job title: Sheltered Estate Officer
Date: 5 April 2017

Name: Robert Mungovan
Job title: Ecology Consultancy Officer
Date leaving: 7 May 2017