

COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
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South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 23 March to Friday 7 April 2017

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 23 Mar	9:30am	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
	10am	<a href="#">Civic Affairs Committee</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Fri 24 Mar				
Mon 27 Mar				
Tue 28 Mar				
Wed 29 Mar				
Thu 30 Mar				
Fri 31 Mar	9:30am	<a href="#">Audit and Corporate Governance Committee</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Mon 3 Apr				
Tue 4 Apr	2pm	<a href="#">Planning Portfolio Holder's Meeting</a>	Monkfield Room	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Wed 5 Apr	10:30am	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Thu 6 Apr				
Fri 7 Apr				

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. Great Shelford Post Office - Moving to New Premises



The Great Shelford Post Office has moved from 18 High Green to Kash Stores on 33-35 Hinton Way.  
Opening hours are:  
Mon-Sat: 07:00 to 19:00  
Sun: 07:00 to 13:00

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 4. 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		
15/03/2017	Cambridge Independent	A14 project team launches mobile visitor centre (coming to SCDC offices)	P2	
15/03/2017	Cambridge Independent	Scotland farm could be new P&R	P5	
15/03/2017	Cambridge Independent	Concern over piecemeal parking (City Deal)	P5	
15/03/2017	Cambridge Independent	'People power' will get City Deal schemes ready for 2020	P11	
15/03/2017	Cambridge Independent	Greenways to get Greater Cambridge on its bike (City Deal)	P12	
15/03/2017	Cambridge Independent	Community heroes get recognition	P13	
15/03/2017	Cambridge Independent	New affordable housing scheme in village hailed a success	P14	
15/03/2017	Cambridge News online	South Cambridgeshire honours unsung heroes at community awards	<a href="#">Link</a>	
15/03/2017	Cambridge News online	Councillor resignation triggers by-election	<a href="#">Link</a>	
16/03/2017	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	CLlr Topping interviewed about Foxton Railway crossing and plans for development		
16/03/2017	Cambridge News	...but bikes are welcome here	P1 and 5	
16/03/2017	Cambridge News	Resignation triggers by-election	P9	
16/03/2017	Royston Crow online	'It shows what can be achieved when we work together' – Steeple Morden parish litter pickers get stuck in to clean up Odsey	<a href="#">Link</a>	
16/03/2017	Cambridge News online	City Deal bosses vow to widen search for solutions to A428 traffic jams	<a href="#">Link</a>	
16/03/2017	Cambridge News online	Heidi Allen MP opens new homes in Caxton - for villagers only	<a href="#">Link</a>	
17/03/2017	Cambridge News	MP opens fantastic new doors in village	P4	
17/03/2017	Cambridge News	City Deal: Search for new park and ride site to be stepped up	P9	
17/03/2017	Cambridge News	Devolution is way forward for region	P12	
18/03/2017	Cambridge	6,500 new homes plan 'would	<a href="#">P9</a>	

	News and online	discourage the use of bicycles'	<a href="#">and online</a>	
19/03/2017	Haverhill Echo online	Linton and seven neighbouring villages awarded grants for scheme that supports the elderly	<a href="#">Link</a>	
19/03/2017	Cambridge Independent online	Greenways will help South Cambridgeshire residents get on their bikes	<a href="#">Link</a>	
21/03/2017	Cambridge News	Landlord fined over fall at pub	P9	

## 5. 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.

Thursday 16 March: *Financial Times*: [Low productivity and deprivation to test regional mayors](#)  
In May, mayors will be elected in the West Midlands, Greater Manchester, Tees Valley, Liverpool, Peterborough & Cambridgeshire and the West of England.

Saturday 18 March: *Telegraph*: [Idyllic rural image hide poverty and isolation](#)  
A new report by the LGA and Public Health England warns that the idyllic image of the countryside is masking pockets of rural ill-health and deprivation.

Saturday 18 March: *Telegraph Online*: [Relax rules and build on green belt to ease housing crisis](#)  
Britain should relax planning restrictions in the green belt to ease the housing crisis, according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Tuesday 21 March: *Mail*: [Small firms forced to stump up for inaccurate tax bills](#)  
Some shops and small businesses face waiting for business rates relief after paying inaccurate tax bills following the first revaluation of the bills for seven years.

Wednesday 22 March: *Radio 4's File on Four*: ["Councils in crisis"](#)  
Radio 4's File on Four explores how local government is having to find new ways to raise money and pay for services.

## 6. 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 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'](#).

### 7. Community Housing Fund

The Housing Portfolio Holder:

**APPROVED** the proposed use of funds outlined in Option A of the report, agreeing to explore the potential for a joint community led programme with Cambridge City Council, with Community Land Trust (CLT) East providing the Gold Kickstart Package.

*This decision was first published on Friday 17 March and so the deadline for call-in is Friday 24 March at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Monday 27 March.*

### 8. Interim Housing Strategy Statement 2017

The Housing Portfolio Holder:

- a) **APPROVED** the Interim Housing Strategy Statement 2017.
- b) **AGREED** the proposals for a joint Cambridge City/South Cambridgeshire Housing Strategy from 2018.

*This decision was first published on Friday 17 March and so the deadline for call-in is Friday 24 March at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Monday 27 March.*

### 9. Affordable Homes Service Plan 2016/17 and 2017/18

The Housing Portfolio Holder:

- a) **APPROVED** the Affordable Homes Service Plan for 2017/18.
- b) **NOTED** the progress to date on existing projects within the 2016/17 Service Plan.

*This decision was first published on Friday 17 March and so the deadline for call-in is Friday 24 March at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Monday 27 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

### 10. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



#### Agendas

- [Planning Committee 23 March](#)

#### Decisions

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

#### Minutes

- [Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting 15 February](#)
- [Planning Committee 1 March](#)
- [Council 21 March](#)

#### Plans

- [Forward Plan of Key Decisions March 2017](#)