



**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY 2017**



**South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council**

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**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 4 May to Friday 19 May 2017**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 4 May		County and Mayoral Elections		
Fri 5 May				
Mon 8 May				
Tue 9 May				
Wed 10 May	9:45am	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Thu 11 May				
Fri 12 May				
Mon 15 May				
Tue 16 May	6pm	<a href="#">Finance &amp; Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Wed 17 May				
Thu 18 May				
Fri 19 May				

**INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS**

**2. Open Eco Homes Workshop, South Cambs Hall, 7-9pm on Tue 9 May**

We are running a workshop to help volunteers set up Open Eco Homes events in South Cambridgeshire as part of our [Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership](#) programme. Open Eco Homes is like Open Gardens but for those passionate about low energy/renewable energy/sustainable homes.

For further information and to book a place, please visit our [Eventbrite page](#), email [spep@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:spep@scambs.gov.uk) or call Project Officer Siobhan Mellon on 01954 713395

**3. Assets of Community Value**

The Council has received a nomination for the Duxford Allotments to be considered for listing as an ACV. Officers will consider the nomination and come to a decision by 15 June. Further information about the Community Right to Bid and ACVs can be found on our website:

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

**UPCOMING DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TRAINING**

Unless otherwise specified, please confirm your availability to attend any of the following briefing or training events by contacting [Patrick Adams](#) on 01954 713408. This will ensure your training records are kept up to date and suitable venue and catering booking can be made. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**4. Planning Training at Cambridge City Council - 31 May 2017**

**For the special attention of those who will be members of the Planning Committee for the 2017/18 municipal year**

Cambridge City Council are hosting an all day planning training course on Wednesday 31 May.

If you would like to attend this course, please contact me: [patrick.adams@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:patrick.adams@scambs.gov.uk)  
(01954) 713408

## 5. Licensing Training at Cambridge City Council - 12 June 2017

**For the special attention of those who will be members of the Licensing Committee for the 2017/18 municipal year**

Cambridge City Council are hosting an all day licensing training course on Monday 12 June.

If you would like to attend this course, please contact me: [patrick.adams@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:patrick.adams@scambs.gov.uk)  
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## 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		
26/04/2017	Cambridge News	Bin collection snags 'feel like a cutback'	P4	
27/04/2017	Cambridge Independent online	Station relocation is key to more homes planned for Waterbeach	<a href="#">Link</a>	
02/05/2017	Cambridge News	New report steers M11 toward three-land 'smart' M-way status	P4	

### 7. 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.

Friday 28 April 2017: *Guardian*: [The new wave of British countryside movies](#)

A feature interview with the directors of two new British drama programmes exploring the idyllic image of the British countryside.

Saturday 29 April 2017: *BBC Online*: [Report published into housebuilding capacity](#)

The Communities and Local Government Committee has published its report into the capacity of housebuilding to meet demand for new homes.

Sunday 30 April 2017: *Observer*: [Councils playing the property market](#)

An article considers councils interesting in the commercial property market and references previous LGA warnings about the financial pressures facing local authorities.

Wednesday 3 May 2017: *BBC Online*: [Right to Buy scheme](#)

A Freedom of Information investigation by the BBC reveals the amount of money spent by councils buying back homes they sold under the Right to Buy scheme.

Wednesday 3 May 2017: *Times*: [Fly-tipping costs taxpayers £600 million a year](#)

Fly-tipping and other waste crimes are costing the country £600 million a year, according to a report by consultancy Enomia.

## 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.

## 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

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



#### Agendas

- [Planning Committee 10 May](#)

#### Minutes

- [Audit and Corporate Governance Committee 31 March](#)