

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2017**



**South
Cambridgeshire
District Council**

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 18 May to Friday 2 June 2017

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 18 May				
Fri 19 May				
Mon 22 May				
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Wed 24 May				
Thu 25 May	2pm	Council	Council Chamber	Wilma Wilkie
Fri 26 May				
Mon 29 May		Spring Bank Holiday – Offices Closed		
Tue 30 May				
Wed 31 May				
Thu 1 Jun				
Fri 2 Jun				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

2. Northstowe Community Update - May 2017

Here's a latest round up of activity at Northstowe. Exciting times as the first residents move in, construction picks up pace, and more detailed planning for Phase 2 gets underway.

3. "Let's Talk!" Listening and Engagement

South Cambridgeshire District Council is launching 'Let's Talk', a listening and engagement exercise exploring the things that make our communities strong, what could make them stronger still, and how these insights can build a picture for what we want the future of our district to look like.

Rather than set up traditional public meetings, we're aiming for a series of more informal conversations with our residents. In order to do this, we'll shortly be contacting a wide variety of community organisations, inviting them to participate. This could be through a number of methods and will include a mixture of community events and focus groups, supported by on-line material and conversations.

Our parish councils are of course vital cogs in the wheel of community life so, as well as spreading the word through local events and newsletters, we'll be running a short workshop session at the next Parish Liaison Meeting at Cambourne on Tuesday 27 June 2017.

For information please contact Richard May on 01954 713366, email richard.may@scamb.gov.uk.

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 Workshop for District Councillors - 31 May 2017 at City Council

On Wednesday 31 May, Cambridge City Council are hosting an all day planning training session, which will cover the following subjects:

- Development Management
- Planning Decisions
- Planning Enforcement
- Role of councillors in pre-application and application stage
- Predetermination and Conflicts of Interest
- Decisions Contrary to Officer Advice

The session will begin at 9:15am and end at 4pm.

If you wish to attend this course, please contact Patrick Adams: patrick.adams@scambs.gov.uk
(01954) 713408

5. Licensing Training at Cambridge City - 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
(01954) 713408

6. Safeguarding Through Licensing: 10 July 2017 at SCDC

This training is mandatory for any councillors wishing to serve on Licensing Panels for the 2017/18 municipal year

The Council are hosting an all day licensing training course at South Cambs Hall in Cambourne on Monday 10 July.

The course objectives: To provide a forum for discussion and learning amongst key stakeholders in relation to safeguarding issues around children and other vulnerable people where licensing can make a difference. These events will look at lessons to be learned as well as examining successful and emerging initiatives involving all partners with a role in protecting children and vulnerable adults.

This event is aimed at local authority officers, police officers, social services and all who are involved in the safeguarding of vulnerable persons. The Institute of Licensing accredits this event at 5 hours CPD.

If you would like to attend this course, please contact me: patrick.adams@scambs.gov.uk
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GENERAL INFORMATION

7. 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		
11/05/2017	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Wotherspoon interviewed about first residents moving in at Northstowe		
11/05/2017	Heart Radio	First residents move in at Northstowe		
11/05/2017	BBC Look East	First residents move in at Northstowe		
11/05/2017	Cambridge News	First residents move into new town of Northstowe	Link	
12/05/2017	Cambridge News	Northstowe welcomes first residents	P4	
12/05/2017	Star Radio online	Decisions from South Cambs planning committee	Link	
13/05/2017	Cambridge News	Mayor puts city metro scheme on agenda (Combined authority)	P5	
13/05/2017	Cambridge News	Mixed reactions to city traffic survey's aims (City Deal)	P8	

8. 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 11 May: *Telegraph*: [Bring back drinking fountains to cut plastic bottle waste and improve health](#)

Drinking fountains must be brought back to aid Britain's litter problem, campaigners have urged.

Sunday 14 May: *Mail on Sunday*: [Taxi licensing investigation](#)

The Mail on Sunday reports on an inquiry into taxi licensing at South Ribble Council and a subsequent peer review by the LGA.

Sunday 14 May: *Sunday Telegraph*: [Home buyers will get pollution warnings, experts predict](#)
Property listings will include traffic lights-style pollution warnings in the near future, experts predict as they report that poor air quality can knock up to 15 per cent off house prices.

Monday 15 May: *BBC Online*: [Litter enforcement](#)

An investigation by BBC Panorama, to be aired tonight, has found that a leading company which

enforces litter laws on behalf of local councils, incentivises its staff to issue fines.

Wednesday 17 May: *BBC Online*: [Cities need “hedges rather than trees” for environment](#)
Hedges are often better than trees at soaking up air pollution among tall buildings, research by the journal Atmospheric Environment has found.

9. 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

10. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Decisions

- [Planning Committee 10 May](#)

Plans

- [Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

Issues

- [Shared Services Annual Report](#)
- [Council's Response to Cottenham Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Consultation](#)

11. **SCDC Starters and Leavers**



Staff who have moved jobs

Name: Joanne Dixon
Old job title: Recovery Officer
New job title: Revenues & Benefits Support Officer
Date of change: 3 April 2017

Name: Lee Hillam
Job title: Refuse Leading Hand
New job title: Operations Programme Manager
(Health and Safety)
Date of change: 17 April 2017

Staff who have left



Name: Chris Morgan
Job title: Senior Planning Officer
Date leaving: 9 June 2017

Name: John Benson
Job title: Team Leader (Refuse)
Date leaving: 23 May 2017

Name: Julie Hulyer
Job title: Team Leader (Refuse)
Date leaving: 23 May 2017