

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE 2017**

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**South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council**

**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 29 June to Friday 14 July 2017**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 29 Jun				
Fri 30 Jun	9:30am	<a href="#">Audit &amp; Corporate Governance Committee</a>	Monkfield Room	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Mon 3 Jul	10am	<a href="#">Licensing (2003 Act) Sub-Committee</a>	Swansley Room B	<a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a>
Tue 4 Jul				
Wed 5 Jul	10:30am	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Thu 6 Jul	6pm	<a href="#">Scrutiny &amp; Overview Committee</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a>
Fri 7 Jul	10am	<a href="#">Business &amp; Customer Services Portfolio Holder</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Mon 10 Jul				
Tue 11 Jul	10am	Planning Portfolio Holder Meeting – POSTPONED		
Wed 12 Jul				
Thu 13 Jul	6pm	<a href="#">Cabinet</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a>
Fri 14 Jul				

**INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**2. Consultation on Expanding Secondary School Provision in Cambourne**

Please find attached details of a consultation by The Cam Academy Trust on proposals for creating a second campus at Cambourne Village College to meet the demands created by new development. The consultation is to run from 23 June to 13 July.

**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.

**3. Personal Safety Training at Cambridge City Council: Tue 4 July at 6:30pm**

Cambridge City Council are running a course on Personal Safety by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust on Tuesday 4 July from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

This course will cover the following topics:

- Lone working
- Tracking systems
- Home visits
- Travelling safely
- Running safer surgeries and being out on the frontline
- Recognising early warning signs of aggression

If you would like to attend this training, please contact [Patrick Adams](#) 01954 713408

## 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		
21/06/2017	Cambridge News online	How you can influence the future of South Cambridgeshire in the years ahead	<a href="#">Link</a>	
21/06/2017	Cambridge News	Claim that a new bin service is still rubbish (City Council lead shared service story)		
21/06/2017	Cambridge News	New identity and new message for City Deal	P4	
21/06/2017	Cambridge Independent online	Greater Cambridge City Deal refreshes vision as a £1billion partnership	<a href="#">Link</a>	
22/06/2017	Cambridge 105	Parklife - don't miss this free family fun day this Sunday		
22/06/2017	Cambridge News online	Free 'Parklife' family fun day is back at Milton Country Park this weekend	<a href="#">link</a>	
22/06/2017	Cambridge Independent online	Are you ready for Parklife in Milton Country Park this weekend?	<a href="#">Link</a>	
25/06/2017	Cambridge News online	Biggest free 'Parklife' event welcomes hundreds of visitors to Milton Country Park	<a href="#">Link</a>	
23/06/2017	Cambridge News	Lots of fun and games to be had	Link	
23/06/2017	Cambridge News	Talking about county's future	<a href="#">Link</a>	
26/06/2017	Cambridge News	All the people, so many people	<a href="#">Link</a>	
26/06/2017	Cambridge News	Distortion of evidence' claim	<a href="#">Link</a>	
27/06/2017	Cambridge News online	Fire risk assessments taking place in housing blocks in South Cambridgeshire	<a href="#">Link</a>	
27/06/2017	Cambridge Independent online	Improving collections as bin target is missed	P16	
28/06/2017	Cambridge News online	New bin collections did miss some homes repeatedly - but we have learned from mistakes'	<a href="#">Link</a>	

## 5. Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)



**Government  
Association**

### 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 22 June: *Times*: [Business Rates Government Pledge Dropped](#)

Legislation to allow local government to keep 100 per cent of its business rates has been shelved.

Friday 23 June: *Times*: [Travellers in Basildon](#)

An article examines Basildon Council's ongoing bid to remove travellers illegally using land in Wickford, Essex.

Friday 23 June: *Mirror*: [Notorious fly-tipper jailed](#)

A prolific fly-tipper has been caught by East Riding Council and jailed for six years.

Saturday 24 June: *Mail*: [Solar-powered bins](#)

Residents have complained that solar-powered bins which compact rubbish as it is deposited – reducing the number of collections councils have to do and saving money in the long-term – are not emptied enough.

Sunday 25 June: *Observer*: [Housing crisis threatens a million families with eviction by 2020](#)

More than a million households living in private rented accommodation are at risk of becoming homeless by 2020 because of rising rents, benefit freezes and a lack of social housing, according to a devastating new report into the UK's escalating housing crisis.

Sunday 25 June: *Mail on Sunday*: [Nappy charge for household waste](#)

A report looking at extra payments to take away nappies as part of household waste, which some councils charge for.

Monday 26 June: *Telegraph*: [Business and rates relief](#)

A £300 million business rates relief fund is still not fully functioning three months after many companies received a sharp rise in their bills, the Telegraph reports.

Monday 26 June: *Times*: [Mattress mountain "a nightmare for the environment"](#)

Unwanted mattresses are becoming an "environmental menace" as millions end up in landfill or are simply abandoned on rented plots, recyclers have warned.

Wednesday 28 June: *Guardian*: [Mass sale of council homes outstrips new stock](#)

Analysis of figures from 72 councils following Freedom of Information requests has revealed that homes sold off under Right to Buy are being sold three times faster than local authorities can replace them.

## 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 21 JUNE 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 Chest: Funding Applications

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder **agreed** the following Community Chest funding:

Name of Applicant	Project Description	Total cost of project (£)	Total Awarded (£)
St Mary the Virgin Church	Purchase of materials to create a Community Peace Garden	£8,597.00	<b>£805.88</b>
Fen Drayton Parish Council	Purchase of notice board to be placed at the west end of the village	£2,023.68	<b>£1,000.00</b>
Cherry Hinton Baptist Church	Replacement chairs for the Family Centre	£905.76	<b>£452.88</b>
Linton Heights Junior School	Purchase of Forest School equipment	£991.98	<b>£797.86</b>

Melbourn Amateur Dramatics Society	Purchase of two stand alone spot lights to improve the lighting in the performance hall and a graphic equaliser to eliminate feedback from the sound system.	£987.00	<b>£987.00</b>
Smarties Pre School	Creation of a sensory garden. Including a new surface, wind chimes, wooden play features including an imaginative play kitchen.	£2866.29	<b>£1,000.00</b>
Hinxton Parish Council	Purchase & installation of a set of baby swings for the playground	£2329.20	<b>£1,000.00</b>
Hardwick Pre- school	Replacement of rotten decking.	£2,500	<b>£1,000.00</b>
Hardwick Play Parks Group	Purchase of a 'Tango Swing' as part of the redevelopment of the play area	£22,420.42	<b>£1,000.00</b>
Power 2 Inspire	Purchase of specialist sports equipment	£797.89	<b>£398.95</b>
Bethel Baptist Church	Purchase of a combined Electric Cooker/Microwave and hob for the kitchen as part of the kitchen refurbishment	£8,000	<b>£1,000.00</b>
Green Minds	Gardening project to help people to recover from a range of health problems by increasing social networks and self confidence.	£1,400.00	<b>£890.00</b>
Great Shelford Playscape	Construction of a bridge across a ditch as part of the transformation of the copse into a den building space with trails. This will make the area accessible for pushchairs and wheelchairs	£1,519.00	<b>£1,000.00</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Orwell Guides	Purchase of new lightweight tents	£600.00	<b>£600.00</b>

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder **refused** the following applications:

Name of Applicant	Project Description	Total cost of project (£)	Total Awarded (£)	Reason for Refusal
Meadow Primary School	Purchase and installation of a Willow Structure for the children to play in and improve the grounds	£938.40	<b>0</b>	Does not comply with the Community Chest criteria
Coton Primary School	Purchase of folding exhibition display boards and cotton bags to support the start up of the Great Plastics Quest project	£1,386.40	<b>0</b>	Does not comply with the Community Chest criteria

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder **deferred** the following applications:

Name of Applicant	Project Description	Total cost of project (£)	Total Awarded (£)	Reason for Deferral
Horseheath Cricket Club	Repair and replace the windows in the pavilion and equipment to maintain the	£4750.00	<b>Pending</b>	Further information needed

	playing field			
Stepping Stones	Breakfast & After School Club	£2310.00	<b>Pending</b>	Further information needed
ICU Steps Cambridge	Set up costs for a support group for families of patients who have been admitted to ICU & ex patients suffering from PTSD	£868.00	<b>Pending</b>	Further information needed

*Please note that this decision was first published on Thursday 22 June and so the deadline for call-in is Thursday 29 June at 5pm.*

## 8. Apprenticeships

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder **APPROVED** the Council's 4 year Apprenticeship Strategy.

*Please note that this decision was first published on Thursday 22 June and so the deadline for call-in is Thursday 29 June at 5pm.*

## 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

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



### Agendas

- [Audit and Corporate Governance Committee 30 June](#)
- [Licensing \(2003 Act\) Sub-Committee 3 July](#)
- [Planning Committee 5 July](#)

### Decisions

- [Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting 20 June](#)
- [Civic Affairs Committee 22 June](#)
- [Licensing \(2003 Act\) Sub-Committee 22 June \(Co-op in Gamlingay\)](#)

### Issues

- [Cabinet Roles & Responsibilities 2017-18](#)
- [Sale of Land Off Station Road, Foxton](#)

**10. SCDC Starters and Leavers**



**New Employees at the Council**

Name: Beverly Agass  
Job Title: Chief Executive  
Date started: 1 July 2017

Name: Bethan Gregory  
Job Title: HR Advisor  
Date started: 26 June 2017

Name: Helen Smith  
Job Title: Housing Administrative Apprentice  
Date started: 26 June 2017



**Staff who have moved jobs**

Name: Alex Colyer  
Old Job title: Interim Chief Executive  
New Job title: Executive Director  
Date moving: 3 July 2017



**Staff who have left/will be leaving**

Name: Ian Lorman  
Job title: Trees Officer  
Date leaving: 31 July 2017