

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2017**



South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

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**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 13 July to Friday 28 July**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 13 Jul	6pm	<a href="#">Cabinet</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Fri 14 Jul				
Mon 17 Jul				
Tue 18 Jul	6pm	<a href="#">Finance &amp; Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting (grants)</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Wed 19 Jul	1pm	<a href="#">Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Wilma Wilkie</a>
Thu 20 Jul				
Fri 21 Jul				
Mon 24 Jul				
Tue 25 Jul				
Wed 26 Jul	10am	<a href="#">Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board</a>	Guildhall, City Council	<a href="#">Wilma Wilkie</a>
	2pm	<a href="#">Planning Portfolio Holder's Meeting</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Thu 27 Jul				
Fri 28 Jul	10am	<a href="#">Partnerships Review Committee</a>	Monkfield Room	<a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a>

**INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS**

**2. Community Right to Bid - Assets of Community Value**

The Council has made the following decisions and will amend the asset register accordingly:  
**Duxford Allotment Site:** Moorfield Road, Duxford – Listed as an asset of Community Value  
**Toft Village Shop:** 6 High Street, Toft – Nomination accepted.

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>

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**3. 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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Publication</b>	<b>Details</b>		
05/07/2017	Cambridge news	Marching orders for Smithy Fen travellers	P1,8 and 9	
05/07/2017	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Clr Wright interviewed about housing needs in South Cambs and need for all areas to play their part		
05/07/2017	Star Radio Online	Owners ordered to remove illegal caravans from Smithy Fen after Council investigation	<a href="#">Link</a>	
05/07/2017	BBC Online	Green belt homes approved because 'wrong box was ticked'	<a href="#">Link</a>	
05/07/2017	Cambridge News	Blundering council officers accidentally approved plans for housing in Cambridge's GREEN BELT	<a href="#">Link</a>	
05/07/2017	Heart Radio	Action taken over illegal caravans at Smithy Fen		
05/07/2017	Cambridge News online	Have your say on 230 homes (SCDC mentioned due to shared waste service	<a href="#">Link</a>	
05/07/2017	Cambridge Independent	Cambourne busway could run to St Neots	P7	
05/07/2017	Cambridge Independent	Rural travel hubs assessed	P12	
05/07/2017	Cambridge Independent	Sporting Village plans collapse over concerns for Green belt	P14	
05/07/2017	Cambridge Independent	Home plan at old school	P21	
06/07/2017	Cambridge News	Council error gives ok to green belt housing	P8	
06/07/2017	Cambridge News online	Families facing mass eviction from travellers' site say 'lives being torn apart'	<a href="#">Link</a>	
06/07/2017	Cambridge News online	Crews investigating possible sighting of giant hogweed in South Cambridgeshire	<a href="#">Link</a>	
06/07/2017	Cambridge News online	Council's sympathy for Smithy Fen eviction families but forced into action by unscrupulous landlords	<a href="#">Link</a>	
06/07/2017	Royston Crow online	Steeple Morden, Orwell and Melbourn groups awarded funding for community projects	<a href="#">Link</a>	
06/07/2017	Cambridge News online	Samuel Porter charged £70 to dump rubbish but is now in jail for fly-tipping	<a href="#">Link</a>	
07/07/2017	Cambridge News	This is tearing our lives apart'	P1 and 7	
07/07/2017	Cambridge	Flytipper jailed for 14 days	P4	
08/07/2017	Cambridge News	Going underground is the 'only solution' to traffic	P1 and 5	

#### 4. 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 6 July 2017: *Times*: ["Build 50 villages like Poundbury"](#)

Lord Best, Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Housing and Care for Older People has said that Britain needs to build 50 new villages like Poundbury, in Dorset, to tackle a shortage of new homes.

Thursday 6 July 2017: *Telegraph*: ["Ministers are announcing open season on green belt"](#)

The Campaign to Protect Rural England has warned that government plans to force housing schemes on some of the most sought-after parts of the country would make housing problems worse and encourage developers to buy up all developable green belt land, crowding out councils and housing associations looking to build to meet local need.

Sunday 9 July 2017: *Observer*: [Temporary accommodation and housing the homeless](#)

A survey of 273 of England's 326 councils compiled by the Observer reveals the scale of the nation's housing crisis.

Sunday 9 July 2017: *Times*: [Builders gag buyers over shoddy work](#)

Buyers of substandard new homes are being asked to sign gagging orders to keep the faults secret and are routinely refused access to technical plans that show how their properties should have been constructed, an investigation by The Sunday Times has found.

Sunday 9 July 2017: *Guardian Online*: [Comment piece: The end of parklife as we know it?](#) The battle for Britain's green spaces

In a comment piece Rowan Moore talks of a crisis occurring in Britain's parks with councils forced to cut spending on green spaces to zero and land being lost to developers.

Monday 10 July 2017: *Guardian*: [Rural homelessness 'hidden crisis' needs attention, says thinktank](#)

The 'hidden crisis' of rural homelessness requires urgent attention from the Government, a leading thinktank has said.

Wednesday 12 July 2017: *i news*: [Council considers leasing parks to a charitable trust](#)

Newcastle City Council is considering handing over its 118 public parks and allotments to a charitable trust in an attempt to save money.

#### 5. 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 5 JULY 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'](#).

### 6. **Compulsory Purchase Order - The Tree Public House, Stapleford**

The Business and Customer Service Portfolio Holder

#### **AGREED**

That officers pursue the 'next steps' with regard to undertaking a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) on The Tree, Stapleford, with or without reimbursement from The Tree Community Limited, before taking a report to Cabinet for consideration.

The next steps required in order for Council to make a formal decision as to whether a CPO should be undertaken, taking into account any costs that may be incurred by the Council or The Tree Community Limited. These will include:

- A) Making an approach to the owner of The Tree, Stapleford with a view to encouraging a sale to The Tree Community Limited without recourse to Compulsory Purchase powers;
- B) Commissioning further appropriate legal advice, which may or may not be available in-house and at further cost to the Authority or The Tree Community Limited;
- C) Commissioning further valuations of the property, likely at further cost to the Authority or The Tree Community Limited.

*This decision was first published on Friday 7 July and so the deadline for call-in is Friday 14 July at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Monday 17 July.*

## 7. Business and Customer Services Performance

The Business and Customer Services Portfolio Holder

**AGREED** to endorse the three indicators set out in paragraph 7 of the report, and accompanying target and interventions levels for 2017-18, as recommended by Corporate Management Team.

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## 8. 23 Affordable Council Homes on Larger Site at Bannold Road, Waterbeach

The Housing Portfolio Holder

**AGREED** to proceed to contract with Bovis Homes to purchase 23 affordable homes on a larger site at Bannold Road, Waterbeach. To approve the project spend, including the use of £350,000 of commuted sums money, and to finalise the contract terms and legal requirements to achieve actual spend in September 2017 and thereafter until completion of all 23 homes.

### 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

- [Cabinet 13 July](#)
- [Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting 18 July](#)
- [Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly 19 July](#)
- [Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board 26 July](#)

#### Decisions

- Housing Portfolio Holder Decision: [23 Affordable Council Homes on Larger Site at Bannold Road, Waterbeach](#)
- [Business & Customer Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting 7 July](#)
- [Planning Committee 5 July](#)

#### Minutes

- [Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting 20 June](#)

#### Plans

- [Notice of Key Decisions](#)

#### Issues

- [Central Bedfordshire Local Plan](#)





- [Consultation](#)
- [Corporate Fraud](#)
- [Corporate Plan Priorities](#)
- [Foxton Conservation Area proposed extension for consultation](#)
- [Huntingdonshire Local Plan Consultation](#)
- [National Non Domestic Rates Local Discretionary Relief](#)
- [Revenues & Benefits Performance Report \(Q1\)](#)
- [Review of the Medium Term Financial Strategy](#)
- [Rural Settlements List 2017-18](#)
- [Treasury Management Annual Report](#)
- [Uttlesford Local Plan Consultation](#)
- [Waterbeach New Town SPD](#)
- [Write Offs](#)

**10. SCDC Starters and Leavers**



**New Employees at the Council**

Name: Michael Pilgrim  
Job title: Refuse Loader  
Date started: 10 July 2017



**Staff who have left**

Name: Irina Ankudinova  
Job title: Resource Officer (Health & Environmental Services)  
Date leaving: 21 July 2017