

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER
2017**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 9 November to Friday 24 November

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| Thu 9 Nov | 10am | Business and Customer Services Portfolio Holder Meeting | Swansley Room A | Patrick Adams |
| | 5pm | Scrutiny & Overview Committee | Swansley Room | Victoria Wallace |
| Fri 10 Nov | | | | |
| Mon 13 Nov | | | | |
| Tue 14 Nov | | | | |
| Wed 15 Nov | | | | |
| Thu 16 Nov | 10am | Crime & Disorder Reduction Board | Monkfield Room | Patrick Adams |
| | 2pm | Cabinet | Swansley Room | Ian Senior |
| Fri 17 Nov | | | | |
| Mon 20 Nov | | Deadline for Motions and Questions for Council | | |
| Tue 21 Nov | 6pm | Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder Meeting | Swansley Room | Ian Senior |
| Wed 22 Nov | 4pm | Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board | County Council | Victoria Wallace (agenda) |
| Thu 23 Nov | 2pm | Council | Council Chamber | Patrick Adams (agenda) |
| Fri 24 Nov | 9:30am | PROVISIONAL – Audit & Corporate Governance Committee | Swansley Room | Patrick Adams |

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & PARISH COUNCILS

2. Greater Cambridge Partnership Workshop Thu 16 Nov 6pm-8pm at South Cambs Hall in Cambourne

[Book via Eventbrite](#)

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to feedback on your community's priorities and help influence the GCP's long-term funding strategy. The event will include a short presentation, followed by roundtable discussions on the key challenges to growth and quality of life in South Cambridgeshire.

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.

| Date | Publication | Details | | |
|------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| 01/11/2017 | Cambridge News | Park and ride site's future under review | P11 | GCP article |
| 01/11/2017 | Cambridge News | Will Cambridge City's Sawston stadium plans get approval? | Link | Preview of Planning Committee |
| 01/11/2017 | Cambridge News | Recap: Cambridge City FC gets approval for new stadium on green belt land in Sawston | Link | Features timeline and blog from Planning Committee |
| 01/11/2017 | Cambridge News | Cambridge City FC 'delighted' to have new stadium plan back on track | Link | |
| 01/11/2017 | Cambridge News | We can see a really bright future at the club' Cambridge City manager Robbie Nightingale reacts to Sawston ground news | Link | |
| 01/11/2017 | BBC Online | Cambridge City FC's plans for new ground backed by council | Link | |
| 01/11/2017 | Cambridge Independent | Plans for a new Cambridge City FC Stadium at Sawston have been approved | Link | |
| 01/11/2017 | Star Radio Online | Plans for new Cambridge City FC stadium at Sawston approved | Link | |
| 01/11/2017 | BBC Radio Cambridgeshire | Taxi licensing consultation details | Bulletins | |
| 01/11/2017 | BBC Radio Cambridgeshire | Cllr Pippa Corney interviewed on drive time show about Cambridge City FC Sawston stadium plans. Live interview at 5:10pm | Scroll to 1hr 10 mins | |
| 02/11/2017 | Cambridge News | Should there be CCTV cameras inside our taxis? | Link | Article about taxi licensing consultation. Includes positive comments from Paul Bradley, vice chair of Cambridge Hackney and private hire association |
| 02/11/2017 | Cambridge News | City Back in the game | P1 and P5 | Sawston stadium plans article |
| 02/11/2017 | BBC Radio Cambridgeshire | Follow up interviews from the Sawston stadium planning permission approval | Scroll to 1hr 5 mins | |
| 02/11/2017 | Cambridge News | Massive £130m price tag for new Cambridge Busway | Link | GCP article |
| 03/11/2017 | BBC Radio 5 Live | Cambridge City Chairman interviewed on Non League Football show about new stadium approval | Scroll to 40 mins in | |
| 03/11/2017 | Cambridge News | Graffiti tribute to victim of stabbing is removed | P3 + Online | |
| 03/11/2017 | Cambridge News | Consultation on A1307 strategy | P6 | GCP article |
| 03/11/2017 | Cambridge News | £1 park and ride charge could be reintroduced | P7 | GCP article |
| 03/11/2017 | Cambridge News | Site expansion 'could worsen congestion' | P7 | GCP article |
| 03/11/2017 | Cambridge News | CCTV plan for taxis in region | P9 | |
| 06/11/2017 | Cambridge News | Work on Cambridge ice rink is finally going to begin this month | Link | |
| 06/11/2017 | Star Radio Online | Cambridge Ice Rink construction start date announced | Link | |

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| 06/11/2017 | BBC Online | Cambridge ice rink construction set to begin | Link | |
| 06/11/2017 | Cambridge Independent | Building work to start on permanent Cambridge ice rink | Link | |
| 06/11/2017 | BBC Radio Cambridgeshire | Interview with CLIC regarding Cambridge ice rink | Scroll to 1'45 in | |
| 07/11/2017 | Cambridge News | A WWII smuggler helped Cambridge get its new ice rink | Link | Wider article about other donations to ice rink project |
| 07/11/2017 | Cambridge News | N-ice one! Cambridge Ice Rink work to start. | P1 + P7 | |
| 07/11/2017 | Cambridge News | 10 year old boy starts petition to save skate park threatened with closure | Link | |
| 07/11/2017 | Hunts Post | Best in business are honoured at Huntingdonshire Business Awards | Link | Includes mention of Nicole Stimson in Apprentice of Year category. |
| 07/11/2017 | Development Finance Today | Council approves new stadium development | Link | Regarding Cambridge City FC stadium |

4. 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 2 November: *BBC Online*: [England Mayors call for more tax control](#)

England's regions should be given more control over taxes and be less reliant on government grants, according to its elected mayors.

Saturday 4 November: *Independent*: [Government urged to lift housing benefit cap as a million renters face homelessness](#)

The Government must lift the freeze on Local Housing Allowance for private renters, according to a letter sent to the *Independent* by the Chief Executives of: Shelter, the Chartered Institute for Housing, Several MPs and Peers, London Councils and the Chair of the LGA's Resources Board.

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 WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER



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. **Three Affordable Homes (s106) on Site Providing Seven Dwellings in Total at Highfields Road, Caldecote**

The Housing Portfolio Holder

AGREED To approve the project spend and to finalise contract terms and legal requirements with the developer. Actual spend to commence in November 2017 and continue thereafter until completion.

This decision was published on Wednesday 8 November and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 15 November. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Thursday 16 November.

7. **DCLG consultation: Planning for the right homes in the right places**

The Planning Portfolio Holder agreed that the consultation response set out in Appendix A to the report from the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development be submitted to the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG), subject to:

Question 13 - In reviewing guidance on testing plans and policies for viability, what amendments could be made to improve current practice?

In the final sentence, namely “*This will enable larger growth sites, which have substantial up-front infrastructure costs, to proceed with below policy compliant levels of affordable housing, if they are not supported by other infrastructure funding*”, replace the word “proceed” with the word

“commence”.

Question 19 - Having regard to the measures we have already identified in the housing White Paper, are there any other actions that could increase build out rates?

Under the heading ‘Build out’ (first paragraph, second line), add the words “...including Council homes...” immediately after the words “all tenures”.

Under the heading ‘Build out’, add a third paragraph suggesting the setting out of shorter commencement times on a national basis. The number of planning permissions granted should be given significantly more weight than houses actually built, so that local authorities were not penalised because of developers maintaining ‘land banks’ and because of factors beyond those local authorities’ control.

Under the heading ‘Build out’, make the point that housing delivery in South Cambridgeshire has been held back by the length of time the Council’s Local Plan has been at examination (submitted Spring 2014, adoption expected Spring 2018), which delay has particularly affected new strategic sites.

Under the heading ‘Prematurity’, redraft the final paragraph to indicate clearly the effect on South Cambridgeshire of the numbers of new dwellings granted planning permission because of speculative planning applications, including the total number of dwellings involved.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 7 November and so the deadline for call-in is Tuesday 14 November at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Wednesday 15 November.

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

8. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Business & Customer Services Portfolio Holder Meeting 9 November](#)
- [Scrutiny & Overview Committee 9 November](#)

Decisions

- [Planning Portfolio Holder Meeting 7 November](#)
- [Affordable Homes in Caldecote](#)

Issues

- [Brownfield Land](#)
- [Neighbourhood Planning](#)
- [Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licensing Policy](#)
- [Mare Fen Bank Improvement works](#)
- [Change to investment strategy](#)

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