

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER
2017**

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**South
Cambridgeshire
District Council**

1. Meetings and events from Thu 30 Nov to Fri 15 Dec

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 30 Nov				
Fri 1 Dec				
Mon 4 Dec				
Tue 5 Dec				
Wed 6 Dec	10:30am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 7 Dec	6pm	Civic Affairs Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
Fri 8 Dec				
Mon 11 Dec	9:30am	Planning Portfolio Holder's Meeting	Monkfield	Ian Senior
Tue 12 Dec				
Wed 13 Dec				
Thu 14 Dec				
Fri 15 Dec				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Modern Slavery

Modern slavery is when a person or group of people are made to take part in forced labour. The police are aiming to stop this happening in Cambridgeshire and have lots of information on their website to help you identify types of modern slavery and its effects:

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/information-and-services/Modern-slavery/Modern-slavery.aspx>

If you are worried about someone or suspect modern slavery activity, you should report it. You can do so by calling 999 if someone's life is in immediate danger, or by using the 'Report a Crime' tab on the Cambs Police website: <https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report.aspx>

3. Overflow Parking at the Council

Please note that the Council now has a number of "overflow" parking spaces to right of the building (if you are facing the main entrance).

4. Weston Colville Post Office - Branch Temporary Closure



The Weston Colville Post Office will close on Wednesday 20 December following the resignation of the Postmaster. Alternative Post Offices are available at:
47 High Street, Balsham
West Wickham Road, Horseheath

5. Asset of Community Value Register: Bar Hill Village Hall

The following have been included on the Council's Assets of Community Value Register:

Bar Hill Village Hall, The Spinney, Bar Hill, Cambridge, CB23 8SU

For more information on Assets of Community Value please visit
<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-right-bid>

6. **A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon - Planned Closures**

Below are details of this week's planned closures, as part of the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

This week's A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon closures:

Mon 27 to Fri 1

A1 southbound between Alconbury & Brampton (each night 9pm - 6am)

Mon 27 to Fri 1

A1 northbound between Buckden & Alconbury (each night 9pm - 6am)

Fri 1 to Mon 4

Full closure Conington Rd (Fri 8pm – Mon 5am)

The official diversion route will be signposted and the diversion maps for the A1 closures are attached. Variable message signs are in place that will advise drivers of the upcoming closures.

Closures specific to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/a14c2h) (www.facebook.com/a14c2h) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/A14C2H) (@A14C2H) pages are regularly updated. You can also find the latest posts by searching #A14C2Hclosures.

For questions about the A14C2H closures or scheme, just email A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk. For updates or information about closures not related to this scheme email info@highwaysengland.co.uk or call 0300 123 5000.

Please note - closures may be subject to change, so check out the social media pages daily for updates.

To contact your sections Stakeholder Manager, please use the email addresses below or the A14 helpline.

Section 1 & 2: Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line
Jon Lewell - jon.lewell@thea14.com

Section 3: East Coast Main Line to Swavesey
Jade Pettit - jade.pettit@thea14.com

Section 4 & 5: Swavesey to Milton
Bob Pettipher - bob.pettipher@thea14.com

A14 helpline **0800 270 0114** - This will be answered by a team member during site hours 8am - 5pm and messages can be left at other times.

UPCOMING DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TRAINING & EVENTS

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.

7. Ending Loneliness Event in Cambridgeshire at Madingley Hall on Monday 11 December 2017

The Campaign to End Loneliness and South Cambridgeshire District Council invite you to Madingley Hall **on Monday 11 December 2017** to raise awareness of the epidemic of loneliness in our communities. The event will bring together decision makers, charities, and powerful voices in our communities with the aim of ending loneliness in Cambridgeshire.

The event will focus particularly on an acute problem facing residents in Cambridgeshire — the loneliness of men. The Campaign to End Loneliness have assembled a panel of experts to discuss loneliness in later life from the perspective of the older men. Renowned authority and campaigner Chris Lee will deliver the keynote and plenary alongside a number of octogenarian men who have experienced and tackled loneliness. Register at <https://bit.ly/endingloneliness>

GENERAL INFORMATION

8. 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		
22/11/2017	Cambridge Independent	Engine testing bay will significantly reduce noise people hear from Cambridge Airport	Link	
22/11/2017	BBC Local live	Engine testing bay approved	Link	
22/11/2017	Cambridge News online	Car-free 'superblocks' planned for new Cambridgeshire town	Link	
23/11/2017	Cambridge News online	Inspectors slam council for 'jumping to conclusions' over major housing plan	Link	
23/11/2017	Planning Resource	Cambridgeshire councils ticked off over 'jumping to conclusions' over local plans examination	Link	
24/11/2017	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Plans for AgriTech park near Hinxton out for consultation		
24/11/2017	BBC Look East	Plans for AgriTech park near Hinxton out for consultation		
24/11/2017	Star Radio Online	Have your say on proposed AgriTech park near Hinxton	Link	
24/11/2017	Cambridge Independent online	Plans for 4,000 jobs at new agri-tech park in Cambridgeshire	Link	
26/11/2017	Cambridge News online	This is how many times bailiffs have been called to where you live	Link	
27/11/2017	Heart Radio	Plans for AgriTech park near Hinxton out for consultation		

27/11/2017	Cambridge News online	Massive new agri-tech park could create 4,000 jobs	Link	
27/11/2017	Cambridge News online	Why grand transport plans for Cambridge won't work	Link	Comment from City Cllr Tim Bick on GCP congestion schemes
27/11/2017	Cambridge News	Excellent' bins service is news to us	P19	Letter from Cllr John Williams criticising shared waste service
27/11/2017	Cambridge News	Plans for new agri-tech park which could create 4,000 jobs	P25	
28/11/2017	Cambridge News	Car seen in ditch near River Cam	Link	
28/11/2017	Cambridge News	Rise in number of times bailiffs are used by councils	P6	
28/11/2017	Star Radio Online	Building work starts on Cambridge Ice Rink	Link	
28/11/2017	BBC News Online	Skates are on for Cambridge's first ice rink	Link	
28/11/2017	Cambridge News Online	Work on Cambridge's new ice rink finally begins	Link	
28/11/2017	Heart Radio Online	Developers get skates on for new Cambridge rink	Link	
28/11/2017	BBC Look East	Pictures from ice rink ceremony with presenter read	Scroll to 9 mins in	
29/11/2017	Heart Radio Bulletins	Start of work on ice rink mentioned in bulls	N/A	

9. 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.

Tuesday 28 November: *Guardian*: [Opinion: Don't let housebuilding focus lead to isolated communities](#)

Spatial scientist and architect Pragya Agarwai says that the Government's house-building drive announced in the Budget must be designed to increase community, not isolation and loneliness.

10. 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 22 NOVEMBER 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'](#).

11. South Cambridgeshire Local Plan: Proposed Modifications Consultation

The Planning Portfolio Holder

AGREED At the Inspector's request, to provide a draft proposed modification to the Local Plan that includes up to date five year housing land supply figures.

Under paragraph 12.19, page 124 of the Constitution, the Chairman of Council and the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee have both agreed that this is an urgent decision, as public consultation can only start after we have received final confirmation on the content of the modifications for consultation from the Local Plan Inspectors. Please note that this means that this decision cannot be called-in and can be implemented immediately.

12. General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Medium Term Financial Strategies (MTFS) 2017/18

1. With regard to the General Fund (GF) Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), Cabinet
 - (a) Approved the assumptions underpinning the MTFS (Appendix 1, Section 3);
 - (b) Noted the GF forecast at Section 4 and Appendix A
 - (c) Noted the indicative unavoidable revenue pressures and their impact on savings requirements;
 - (d) Instructed the Head of Finance to bring forward detailed draft estimates for 2018-19 based on assumptions and issues contained in the report for consideration by the Cabinet in the new year; and

- (e) Instructed the Executive Management Team (EMT) to identify and develop other options for meeting the MTFS additional income / savings requirement.
2. Cabinet approved the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) MTFS, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, to include:
- (a) changes in financial assumptions as detailed in Appendix B to the HRA MTFS;
 - (b) mid-year revenue budget changes, as detailed in Appendix D(1) to the HRA MTFS, which impact future forecasts for the HRA;
 - (c) mid-year capital budgets changes, as detailed in Appendix E to the HRA MTFS;
 - (d) update to the total new build budget and the new build schemes included in the Housing Capital Investment Plan, incorporation of the latest budgetary figures in respect of new build schemes, and re-phasing of expenditure in line with anticipated build timetables;
 - (e) recognition of an increase of £500,000 in the budget for the acquisition of market dwellings, to ensure that right to buy receipts are appropriately reinvested in 2017/18;
 - (f) changes in anticipated receipt and use of capital resources for the HRA, as included in **Appendix H** to the HRA MTFS;
 - (g) approval of the HRA budget strategy for 2018/19, to include the exemplification of savings against a target of £600,480, with £100,480 required from 2018/19, and £250,000 per annum sought from 2019/20 and 2020/21 onwards; and
 - (h) noting the early proposals for bids and savings in the HRA, in advance of formal consideration as part of the HRA Budget Setting Report in February 2018.

This decision was first published on Wednesday 22 November and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 29 November at 5pm. If not called-in, this decision can be implemented on Thursday 30 November.

13. Feedback from Let's Talk: Corporate Plan Priorities

Cabinet

- (a) Thanked residents and organisations for their participation in the “Let’s Talk” engagement project and for the quality and breadth of the feedback provided, committing to sharing the outcomes with participants and the wider community;
- (b) Noted feedback from the exercise, summarised in paragraphs 9 – 10 and Appendix A attached to the report and agreed to take this into account in the development of a refreshed Corporate Plan to be adopted in February 2018; and
- (c) Requested that the feedback be drawn to the attention of the Council at its next meeting.

This decision was first published on Wednesday 22 November and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 29 November at 5pm. If not called-in, this decision can be implemented on Thursday 30 November.

14. 2017-18 Second Quarterly Position Statement on Finance, Performance and Risk

Cabinet

- (a) reviewed the provisional outturn position together with the performance and risk issues contained in the report and Appendices A-C; and
- (b) approved the Strategic Risk Register and Matrix (Appendices D-E).

This decision was first published on Wednesday 22 November and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 29 November at 5pm. If not called-in, this decision can be implemented on Thursday 30 November.

15. Business Case: Community Energy Fund

Cabinet

- (a) Reviewed and endorsed the Business Case for the Creation of a Community Energy Grant Fund, and approved further work to establish and launch the fund by 1 March 2018; and
- (b) Approved the principle of an Energy Loan Fund, with further work to take place to develop and present a business case to the Cabinet meeting scheduled for February 2018.

This decision was first published on Wednesday 22 November and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 29 November at 5pm. If not called-in, this decision can be implemented on Thursday 30 November.

16. Withdrawal of CIL charging schedule

Cabinet agreed to activate Regulation 18 of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations 2010 (amended) and withdraw the Council's submitted CIL draft charging schedule.

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17. 'Mind the Gap' in support and provision between schools and mental health services

Cabinet

- 1. received and endorsed the following recommendations from the Partnerships Review Committee:
 - (a) for South Cambridgeshire District Council to use proactively its networks and facilitation skills to enable appropriately timed meetings between key partners to:
 - help develop relationships and trust between professionals working to support children and young people who are experiencing poor mental health, and
 - enable strong partnerships resulting in a better support offer for children and young people within a school setting.
 - (b) that the Council:
 - writes to NHS England expressing concern in relation to the targets they set for mental health crisis care, which results in local budgets being spent once a crisis has occurred rather than preventing the crisis in the first place, and
 - instructs officers to actively pursue, through the Combined Authority discussions, a freedom and flexibility to agree locally the split between spend on preventative care and crisis care in relation to mental health;
 - (c) that the Council uses its position with the Combined Authority, local Members of

Parliament and on key local partnerships to influence decisions that affect local and national spend on mental health services so that more is done to support children and young people, who are experiencing poor mental health so that they hopefully do not reach crisis;

- (d) That the Council, through the Corporate Plan, prioritises supporting young people who are experiencing poor mental health, especially during times of crisis;
- 2. Deferred making a decision in respect of the Partnerships Review Committee's fifth recommendation, set out in paragraph 23 of the report; and
- 3. Agreed to review progress in 12 months' time.

This decision was first published on Wednesday 22 November and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 29 November at 5pm. If not called-in, this decision can be implemented on Thursday 30 November.

18. Reducing Social Isolation in South Cambridgeshire

Cabinet considered the recommendations from the elected member Tackling Social Isolation Task and Finish Group and agreed to adopt the final recommendations, without amendments, namely

- (a) to adopt the group's Vision for a Social Network Village of the Future
- (b) That the Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder allocates staff time from within the Portfolio to develop a Parish Toolkit on Reducing Social Isolation
- (c) To consider further supporting timebanking in the district, following future evaluation of the work the Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder is currently progressing with staff
- (d) that South Cambridgeshire District Council continues to support parishes to work in clusters where it makes sense to do so
- (e) that South Cambridgeshire District Council continues to promote community car schemes and works with partners to ensure greater community transport coverage for the north villages
- (f) that the Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder uses existing budget to carry out a Faith Audit, in partnership with the Diocese of Ely, into Social Isolation Initiatives
- (g) that South Cambridgeshire District Council funds a two-year pilot of the Through the Door (social prescribing) Project with Granta Medical Practice
- (h) that South Cambridgeshire District Council works with local hospitals and village groups to ensure that patients leaving hospital are supported locally when they get home
- (i) that South Cambridgeshire District Council promotes opportunities for volunteering
- (j) that South Cambridgeshire District Council encourages the use of the communal

rooms in sheltered housing complexes

- (k) that South Cambridgeshire District Council encourages retirement villages with appropriate housing design and activities
- (l) that South Cambridgeshire District Council commits to working with partners to evaluate any of the initiatives that are implemented, along with the programme as a whole.

This decision was first published on Wednesday 22 November and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 29 November at 5pm. If not called-in, this decision can be implemented on Thursday 30 November.

19. Cambourne High Street

Cabinet agreed the recommendation contained in the report from the Executive Director.

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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

20. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Planning Committee 6 December](#)

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21. SCDC Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Rachael Dew
Job title: Refuse Loader
Date started: 20 November 2017

Name: Jordan Evans
Job title: Asset Management Apprentice
Date started: 24 October 2017

Name: Mike Huntington
Job title: Principal Planning Officer
Date started: 15 November 2017

Name: Gavin Smith
Job title: Refuse Loader
Date started: 20 November 2017

Name: Richard Stephens
Job title: Refuse Driver
Date started: 12 November 2017



Staff who have left

Name: Alex Gorog
Job title: Refuse Driver
Date started: 9 November 2017