

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 3 JANUARY
2018**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 4 January to Friday 19 January 2018

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 4 Jan	10am	Civic Affairs Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
Fri 5 Jan				
Mon 8 Jan				
Tue 9 Jan				
Wed 10 Jan	9:45am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 11 Jan	10am	Employment Committee	Jeavons Room	Patrick Adams
Fri 12 Jan				
Mon 15 Jan		Deadline for Questions and Motions to Full Council		
Tue 16 Jan	6pm	Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder Meeting	Swansley Room	Ian Senior
Wed 17 Jan				
Thu 18 Jan	2pm	Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly	Cambs County Council	Democratic Services
Fri 19 Jan				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Housing Market Bulletin

Please find attached the latest housing market bulletin, keeping track of local, regional and national housing market signals at September 2017.

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		
20/12/2017	BBC News Online	Man fined for Fen Ditton fly-tipping	Link	
20/12/2017	Cambridge Independent	Keep Cherry Hinton a village'	P16	Article focussing on end of consultation into land on edge of Cherry Hinton
20/12/2017	Cambridge Independent	The time of year to spread cheer and end loneliness	P20	Article focussing on SCDC and Campaign to End Loneliness work

20/12/2017	Cambridge Independent	Make a 'mince pie moment'	P20	SCDC campaign to tie in with above article
20/12/2017	Cambridge Independent	Bin changes and recycling advice	P6	
20/12/2017	Cambridge Independent	Tradition of gifts continues from council staff to hospital patients	P29	
20/12/2017	Cambridge News Online	Man dumped so much rubbish people could not get to their homes		
21/12/2017	Cambridge News	Letter from Cllr Bridget Smith: 'Listen to our views over Brexit'	P21	
22/12/2017	Cambridge News	Fly-tipper fined over mountain of rubbish	P9	
22/12/2017	Cambridge News	Letter from Cllr Deborah Roberts regarding Brexit: 'We will finally govern ourselves'	P21	
24/12/2017	Royston Crow online	District Councillor aims to raise £2,000 in swimming challenge to help and highlight awareness of families charity	Link	Article about Cllr Philippa Hart
28/12/2017	Hunts Post	Increase in use of bailiffs among councils in Cambridgeshire to collect tax debts	Link	SCDC briefly mentioned on one sentence
28/12/2017	Cambridge Independent	Cycling network set for 2018 boost	P5	GCP article
28/12/2017	Cambridge Independent	Welcome for decision that reverses planned cuts for rural communities	P7	
28/12/2017	Cambridge Independent	125 homes 'would affect sports clubs'	P17	Article about Cambs CC plans for new homes on Rampton Road, Cottenham
28/12/2017	Cambridge Independent	Letter: Logic has taken a holiday from busway costs	P24	Letter about GCP Cambourne to Cambridge consultation

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.

Wednesday 3 January 2018: *Guardian*: [China's plastic waste ban "creates crisis for UK local authorities"](#)

The Chinese ban on imports of plastic waste is already causing a build-up of rubbish at recycling plants across the UK and will bring chaos for councils, warn industry experts.

Wednesday 3 January 2018: *The Times*: [Laser Maps to Tackle Floods and Dumping](#)

England is to be mapped from the air using lasers by the end of the decade in a bid to bolster flood defences.

Monday 1 January 2018: *Guardian*: [Housebuilders Move Towards Modular Homes](#)

Berkeley Homes is to prefabricate up to a quarter of its new homes in a factory. The housebuilding firm claims it can build a house in 20 days using the method.

Sunday 31 December 2017: *Sunday Telegraph*: [Planning Rows at a decade high](#)

Government figures show that the number of planning disputes reaching the Planning Court reached 215 last year – the highest since 2006.

Friday 29 December 2017: *Guardian*: [Reports of Sexual Assaults by Taxi Drivers Increase by 20% in 3 years](#)

The number of alleged sexual assaults committed by taxi or private hire drivers has risen by 20 per cent in three years, according to police figures released under Freedom of Information laws.

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.

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

6. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Civic Affairs Committee 4 January](#)
- [Planning Committee 10 January](#)

Minutes

- [Council 23 November](#)
- [Planning Committee 6 December](#)
- [Civic Affairs Committee 7 December](#)