

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY
2018**

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 25 January to Friday 9 February 2018

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 25 Jan	2pm	Council	Council Chamber	Kathrin John
Fri 26 Jan	9:30am	Audit & Corporate Governance Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
Mon 29 Jan				
Tue 30 Jan				
Wed 31 Jan				
Thu 1 Feb				
Fri 2 Feb				
Mon 5 Feb				
Tue 6 Feb	2pm 6pm	Business & Customer Services Portfolio Holder – CANCELLED Scrutiny and Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Wed 7 Feb	9:45am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
	2pm	Cabinet	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Thu 8 Feb	2pm 4pm	Cabinet – Cancelled (see Wed 7 Feb) Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board	Council Chamber	Kathrin John
Fri 9 Feb				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & PARISH COUNCILS

2. A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon - Planned Closures

Please find below this week's planned closures, as provided to us by the Highways Agency:

If you did see our weekend social media post, slight change to schedule (below). Plus, we've cancelled our A1 northbound Brampton Hut exit slip closure for the whole week, as they'll be other works in the area not related to our scheme.

This week's A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon closures:

Mon 22 for one night

New - A14 eastbound St Ives (J26) to Bar Hill (J29), for one night to replace damaged barrier after incident on Friday (9pm – 6am)

Mon 22 to Wed 24

A14 eastbound Histon (J32) entry slip (each night 9pm - 6am)

Thurs 25 for one night

A14 eastbound Milton (J33) entry slip (9pm - 6am)

Fri 26 for one night

A14 westbound Milton (J33) entry slip (9pm - 6am)

Fri 26 to Mon 29

Full closure Grafham Rd - between Park Road & Van Diemen's Way (Fri 8pm – Mon 5am)

Sat 27 to Sun 28

Full closure Pottton Rd - between St Ives Road & A14 (Sat 7am - Sun 7pm)

We regularly update details of closures specific to our A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme on our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/a14c2h) (www.facebook.com/a14c2h) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/A14C2H) (@A14C2H) pages. You can also find our latest posts by searching #A14C2Hclosures.

Our official diversion route will be signposted and you can find diversion maps on our social media pages (or just email us for additional copies).

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

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

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

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		
17/01/2018	Cambridge News	Nine key things you need to know about the proposed metro network in the city	P4 & P5	GCP item
17/01/2018	Cambridge News Online	Nine key things you need to know about the proposed metro network in the city	Link	
17/01/2018	Cambridge Independent	A vision of how we can build homes for people and wildlife	P4 & P5	Article about Wildlife Trust praise of Cambourne
17/01/2018	Cambridge Independent	We can deliver metro in stages says Greater Cambridge Partnership Chief	P6	GCP item
17/01/2018	Cambridge Independent	Level crossing set for bypass in bid to beat congestion (Foxton)	P14	GCP item with Cllr Deborah Roberts quoted
17/01/2018	Cambridge Independent	Letter: An exemplary service which is still evolving	P26	Letter from Cllr Mark Howell about shared waste service
17/01/2018	Cambridge Independent	Opinion: Thinking big and small to have the maximum impact	P26	Letter from Cllr Francis Burkitt in GCP role
18/01/2018	Cambridge News Online	We need parking controls on a widened A10 to avoid gridlock	Link	Cllr John Williams quoted
18/01/2018	Cambridge News Online	Cambridge metro plans are the step change the city needs'	Link	GCP item
18/01/2018	Cambridge News Online	Cambridge could be losing its Magistrates Court	Link	Cllr Aidan van de Weyer quoted
19/01/2018	Cambridge News	Councillors welcome idea for electric tram network	P4	GCP item
19/01/2018	Cambridge News	Proposal to close court 'a disgrace'	P5	Cllr Aidan van de Weyer quoted
19/01/2018	Royston Crow Online	How many empty homes are on our doorstep in North Herts and South Cambs	Link	
20/01/2018	Peterborough Telegraph	Cambridgeshire council offers help with Peterborough's homelessness crisis	Link	
22/01/2018	Cambridge News Online	Appeal for local farmer to recover 'unreachable' abandoned car	Link	
23/01/2018	Cambridge News	Lend us a hand to pull dumped car from mud	P12	
23/01/2018	ITV Anglia News	Cllr Mark Howell interviewed at depot about importance of plastics recycling	N/A	

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 18 January: *Telegraph*: [Tenth of new homes were offices, LGA reveals](#)

Almost one in ten new homes created in the past two years were converted from offices without having to go through the planning process, new analysis by the LGA reveals.

Friday 19 January: *Guardian*: [Planning rules to be strengthened to protect music venues](#)

A campaign to stop local music venues being threatened with closure when housing is built nearby has won support from ministers.

Saturday 20 January: *Mail*: [Rejected recycling on the increase](#)

About four per cent, or 471,000 tons, of recyclable material was buried in landfill or incinerated in 2016/17, compared to 1.7 per cent, or 184,000 tons in 2011/12.

Saturday 20 January: *Telegraph*: [Church bells to be protected in planning rules from noise complaints](#)

Church bells are to win protection under new planning rules to stop people who move into nearby new homes from asking council to silence them by passing noise abatement orders.

Monday 22 January: *Guardian*: [Opinion: The UK's housing crisis](#)

Columnist John Harris says that too many new homes being built in Britain are unaffordable or badly constructed.

Tuesday 23 January: *BBC Online*: [Neglect and abuse claims on rise in sheltered housing](#)

Data obtained by File on 4 has found that more than 30,000 allegations of abuse and neglect concerning sheltered housing residents were received by UK councils between 1 April 2014 and 1 November 2017.

Wednesday 24 January: *Mail*: Pay offer to Local Government workers is final, employers say
Members of UNISON's National Joint Council Committee have narrowly voted to reject the pay offer made by local government leaders of 2 per cent for most staff, and a further 2 per cent from next April.

Wednesday 24 January: *Guardian*: [Council housing plans dispute](#)

The Labour party's National Executive Committee has voted to call on Haringey Council to rethink controversial plans for a public-private housing scheme.

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 17 JANUARY 2018



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. Amendment to Discretionary Business Rate Relief Policy

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder

AGREED

To ensure that the Council allocates the remaining Business Rates Local Discretionary Scheme funding, the percentage of relief that is awarded to the Businesses identified in our scheme would change to the following:

Increase > 25%:
Initial Award 10%
Award additional 10%, giving a total 20% reduction.

Increase 20-25%
Initial Award 10%
Award additional 5%, giving a total 15% reduction.

Increase 15-20%
Initial Award 5%
Award additional 5%, giving a total 10% reduction.

Increase 10-15%
Initial Award 5%
Award additional 2.5%, giving a total 7.5% reduction.

The following amendments would allow for approximately £180k of further relief to be allocated. This would still leave around £36k for any additional cases that may arise.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 23 January 2018 and so the deadline for call in is Tuesday 30 January at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Wednesday 31 January.

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

7. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Council 25 Jan](#)
- [Audit & Corporate Governance Committee 26 Jan](#)

Decisions

- [Amendment to Discretionary Business Rate Relief Policy](#)

Minutes

- [Employment Committee 11 Jan](#)

8. SCDC Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Katharine Turner
Job title: Surveyor (Response Maintenance)
Date started: 2 January 2018