

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY
2018**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 8 February to Friday 23 February

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 8 Feb	2pm	Cabinet CANCELLED (Held 7/2/18)		
	4pm	Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board	Council Chamber	Kathrin John
Fri 9 Feb				
Mon 12 Feb	11:59pm	Deadline for Council Motions and Questions		
Tue 13 Feb	10am	Licensing (2003 Act Sub Committee) – Premises Licence at Harston	Swansley Room A	Patrick Adams
Wed 14 Feb				
Thu 15 Feb				
Fri 16 Feb				
Mon 19 Feb	2pm	Health & Wellbeing Portfolio Holder Meeting	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
Tue 20 Feb	2pm	Business & Customer Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
	6pm	Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting	Swansley Room	Ian Senior
Wed 21 Feb	6pm-8pm	Parish Planning Forum		
Thu 22 Feb	2pm	Council	Council Chamber	Kathrin John
Fri 23 Feb	10am	CDRP Board Stakeholder Event	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
	2pm	Environmental Services Portfolio Holder	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2. Housing Announce a New Role for Gerry Roper

As from Feb 19th Gerry will step away from her current role as Land & Property Surveyor and start her new full time permanent role as Self Build Development Officer.

She will be working full time to bring our pipeline of 100 HRA owned plots through option, pre app, planning and to sale as self-build plots; to enable some of the 792 applicants on our Self-Build Register to follow their dream of building their own home. All receipt (net of costs) from these sales will go directly into the new build development budget, and with it we will build more new affordable council homes across the district.

Housing recognise that Gerry has for many years been the 'go to' person for queries about all aspects of our HRA land holdings. Please now direct queries around Housing Revenue Account land holdings to :

Liam Flatters (Planned Works Surveyor)
Liam.Flatters@scams.gov.uk
01954 713004

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

3. A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon - Planning Closures

Please find below the latest information from Highways England regarding the A14:

This week's A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon closures:

Mon 5 to Tue 6

M11 northbound (J14) exit slip & A14 eastbound on Girton loop (each night, 9pm – 6am)

Mon 5 to Wed 7

A1 southbound Alconbury to Brampton (each night, 9pm – 6am)

Mon 5 to Fri 9

A1 northbound Buckden to Alconbury (each night, 9pm – 6am)

Wed 7 for one night

A14 westbound (J32) exit slip (9pm – 6am)

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

4. 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		
31/01/2018	Cambridge News	Proposals for underground bus station in city centre (Combined Authority)	P4	
31/01/2018	AboutMyArea	Key stakeholders push for action on A10 improvements	Link	Cllr Peter Topping quoted
31/01/2018	Cambridge News Online	Up to 40,000 new affordable homes could be built in Cambridgeshire	Link	Combined Authority article
31/01/2018	Heart Radio Online	New affordable homes for area	Link	Combined Authority article
31/01/2018	Cambridge Independent	Why metal matters in your home	P7	
31/01/2018	Cambridge Independent	Plugging the funding gap with tax increase and housing firm	P14	
31/01/2018	Cambridge Independent	Rules for taxi drivers will be tightened	P16	
31/01/2018	Cambridge Independent	Could a flat-pack factory solve our housing crisis?	P19	Combined Authority article
31/01/2018	Cambridge Independent	Letter: Bin service complaints are fake news? What a load of old Trump	P26	Letter from County Cllr Nichola Harrison
31/01/2018	Cambridge Independent Online	South Cambridgeshire to plug funding gap with tax increase and housing firm	Link	
31/01/2018	Cambridge Independent Online	Could a flat-pack factory solve our housing crisis?	Link	
31/01/2018	Ely Standard Online	Cambridgeshire is one step closer to having an underground	Link	Combined Authority article
31/01/2018	Cambridge Network	Loan fund proposed to power greener communities	Link	
01/02/2018	Cambridge News Online	Is a Cambridge metro really ever going to happen?	Link	Combined Authority article: Cllr Peter Topping quoted
02/01/2018	Cambridge News	Metro project moves forward	P1, 4	Combined Authority article: Cllr Peter Topping quoted
02/01/2018	Cambridge News	Alliance to build up to 40,000 affordable new homes in county	P13	Combined Authority article: Cllr Peter Topping quoted
02/01/2018	Cambridge News	Letter: Concern over decline of village	P21	Letter expressing concern about overflowing bins and litter in Cambourne
02/02/2018	Star Radio Online	Funding to help local athletes reach new heights	Link	
02/02/2018	Cambridge Independent	Athletes including cyclists, rowers and a skeleton bobsleighter have been given	Link	

	Online	a share of £16,000		
02/02/2018	Cambridge News online	A massive number of bombs have been cleared from the Cambridge ice rink site	Link	SCDC loan for ice rink included in story
02/02/2018	The MJ	Council to generate £1.7m from housing company	Link	
02/02/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Clr M Howell interviewed about elite athlete scheme	Scroll to 1'55" in	
05/02/2018	Cambridge News	Grenades are removed from ice arena site	P5	
05/02/2018	Cambridge News	Villages fear way of life will be lost in new town built	P9	
05/02/2018	Cambridge News	Use council tax to fill potholes (letter)	P19	
05/02/2018	Cambridge News Online	Camourne: the village that just grew and grew and grew	Link	
06/02/2018	Cambridge News Online	A fresh petition has been launched to make sure the A10 dualing happens	Link	Clr Peter Topping quoted
06/02/2018	Public Sector Executive Online	District authority to plug part of £4m cash gap with council-owned housing firm	Link	
07/02/2018	Cambridge News	Decision not to spend cash after increasing council tax 'an insult'	P4	Clr Peter Topping quoted in County Clr role
07/02/2018	Cambridge News	Petitioners plea to dual 'danger' A10	P7	Clr Peter Topping quoted
07/02/2018	Cambridge News	Letter: Just who is in charge of city's woes?	P21	
07/02/2018	Cambridge News Online	Decision not to spend cash after increasing council tax 'an insult to people of Cambs'	Link	Clr Peter Topping quoted in County Clr role

5. 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 1 February: *Times*: [Fewer social homes to rent](#)

Figures compiled by the Times show that a total of 93,820 housing association homes were either sold, demolished or converted to a more expensive "affordable rent" between 2012 and 2017.

Friday 2 February: *Independent*:

[Number of council homes sold off under Right to Buy increases five-fold in six years](#)

More than £3.5 billion in Right to Buy discounts have been given to council tenants since the Government raised discounts in 2012, the LGA reveals today.

Friday 2 February: *BBC Online*: [Taxi drivers admit licence regulation needs to be tougher](#)

The LGA, Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association and Licensed Private Hire Car Association have backed calls for national minimum standards for taxi drivers.

Saturday 3 February: *Guardian Online*:

[Northamptonshire County Council bans spending on almost all services](#)

Northamptonshire County Council has issued a section 114 notice, banning expenditure on all services except for its statutory obligations to safeguarding vulnerable people.

Saturday 3 February: *BBC Radio 4 You and Yours*: [Business rates](#)

MPs on the Treasury Select Committee have called on the Government to address the property taxation “imbalance” between businesses on the high street compared to those based on major out-of, or edge-of town, retail parks, and online businesses.

Wednesday 7 February: *BBC Online*: [UK ‘could adopt’ Norway bottle recycling system](#)

A Scandinavian deposit-based system for recycling bottles could be adopted in the UK.

6. 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 31 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’](#).

7. Sale of Land West of 10 Cambridge Road, Balsham CB21 4HD
The Housing Portfolio Holder

AGREED the sale of the HRA owned land adjacent (west) of 10 Cambridge Road, Balsham CB21 4HD which has outline planning permission for 1 detached house.

This decision was first published on 5 February 2018 and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 12 February at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Tuesday 13 February.

8. Pooling of Additional Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) Funding
The Housing Portfolio Holder

AGREED to approve the allocation of the additional funding of £65,609 to Huntingdonshire District Council.

This decision was first published on 6 February 2018 and so the deadline for call-in is Tuesday 13 February at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Wednesday 14 February.

9. Sale of Land North West of 14 Macaulay Avenue, Great Shelford CB22 5AE
The Housing Portfolio Holder

AGREED the sale of HRA owned land north west of 14 Macaulay Avenue, Great Shelford, CB22 6AE which has outline planning permission for 3 detached houses.

This decision was first published on 5 February 2018 and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 12 February at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Tuesday 13 February.

10. Sale of Land Rear of 1 Benet Close, Milton CB24 6AL
The Housing Portfolio Holder

AGREED the sale of HRA owned land to rear of 1 Benet Close, Milton CB24 6AL which has outline planning permission for 1 detached house.

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

11. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Licensing Sub Committee 13 Feb](#)

Decisions

- [Greater Cambridge Partnerships Joint Assembly 18 Jan](#)
- [Council 25 Jan](#)
- [Housing Portfolio Holder: Sale of Land at Gt Shelord](#)
- [Housing Portfolio Holder: Sale of Land at Balsham](#)
- [Housing Portfolio Holder: Sale of Land at Milton](#)
- [Housing Portfolio Holder: Pooling of Additional Disabled Facilities Grants](#)

Minutes

- [Planning Committee 10 Jan](#)

Plans

- [Plan of Key Decisions from 2 Feb](#)