

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY
2018**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 15 February to Friday 2 March

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
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 Meeting	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
	6pm	Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder Meeting	Swansley Room	Ian Senior
Wed 21 Feb	6pm-8pm	Parish Planning Forum	Council Chamber	
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 Meeting	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
Mon 26 Feb				
Tue 27 Feb				
Wed 28 Feb	2pm	Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly	Council Chamber	Kathrin John
Thu 1 Mar				
Fri 2 Mar				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & PARISH COUNCILS

2. A14 Planned Closures

Please find below this week's update on the A14 closures from Highways England.

Below are this week's planned closures and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

This week's A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon closures:

Mon 12 to Wed 14

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

Mon 12 to Fri 16

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

Thurs 15 to Fri 16

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

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

Sat 17 to Sun 18

Full closure Grafham Rd (Sat 8pm – Sun 3pm), to demolish existing bridge.

A1 northbound Buckden to Brampton Hut (8pm – 3pm)

A1 southbound Brampton Hut to Brampton (8pm – 3pm)

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.

3. Cambridge Water: Maintenance Work in Bar Hill

Please find attached a letter from Cambridge Water providing details of the maintenance work being carried out between the junction of Trafalgar Way and Saxon Way, Bar Hill:
Friday 16 February 8:30pm to 6:00am
Saturday 17 February 6:30pm to 6:00am

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		
07/02/2018	Cambridge News	Decision not to spend cash after increasing council tax 'an insult'	P4	Cllr Peter Topping quoted in County Cllr role

07/02/2018	Cambridge News	Petitioners plea to dual 'danger' A10	P7	Cllr 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	Cllr Peter Topping quoted in County Cllr role
08/02/2018	BBC News Online	Loan fund to help South Cambridgeshire go green	Link	
08/02/2018	Cambridge Network	Approval for energy saving fund	Link	
08/02/2018	Cambridge Independent	Maximum council tax rise needed on fast-growing county, say Tories	P4	SCDC Council Tax planned rise mentioned
08/02/2018	Cambridge Independent	Letter: More focus on our county's bus services	P28	Letter from Cllr John Williams
08/02/2018	Cambridge Independent Online	Maximum council tax rise needed on fast-growing county, say Tories	Link	SCDC Council Tax planned rise mentioned
09/02/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Alex Colyer interviewed about establishment of Green Energy Loan Fund	Scroll to 1'15" in	
09/02/2018	Cambs Times Online	South Cambs leader no longer portfolio holder for housing at Mayor Palmer's combined authority - but he'll stay on as member	Link	Article about Cllr Topping Combined Authority role
11/02/2018	Cambridge News Online	How forward-thinking Eddington could be the key to solving Cambridge's problems	Link	Summary of sustainability of Eddington, including underground bins
12/02/2018	The Times Online	Brownfield sites have room for 1m homes, says charity	Link	
12/02/2018	Cambridge News	Letter: Link up all roads at interchange (Girton)	P19	Letter from Dry Drayton Parish Council Chair. GCP referenced.

5. Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)



Government Association

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.

Thursday 8 February: *BBC Online*: [Council tax rises planned "across England"](#)

Research carried out by the Local Government Information Unit think-tank suggests that nearly all councils in England are set to raise council tax and charges this year amid concerns for their financial stability.

Saturday 10 February: *Mail*: [Recycling targets 'go up in smoke'](#)

Figures show 10 million tons of household waste was incinerated in England in 2016, compared with 4.3 million in 2010.

Monday 12 February: *Guardian*: [Northamptonshire faces up to financial pressure](#)

The headquarters of Northamptonshire County Council 'is likely' to be put up for sale, three months after it was opened, it is reported.

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 7 FEBRUARY 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. Business case for the creation of an Energy Loan Fund

Cabinet endorsed the business case for the creation of a Green Energy Loan Fund and approved further work to establish and launch the fund by mid-July 2018.

Please note that this decision was first published on Monday 12 February and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 19 February at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Tuesday 20 February.

8. South Cambridgeshire District Council Energy Investment Opportunities

Cabinet:

1. Approved access to Cambridgeshire County Council's procurement for an energy contractor

under the Greater London Authority's "Re:fit" framework at no upfront cost, allowing South Cambridgeshire District Council to make use of services and expertise of Bouygues (the successful contractor) and exploit key benefits of the RE:fit scheme, as detailed in Table 1 of the report.

2. Agreed that South Cambridgeshire District Council request the investigation by Bouygues of:
 - (i) Income generating and/or cost saving energy investment opportunities at the South Cambridgeshire Hall site.
 - (ii) Income generating and cost saving energy investment opportunities at the planned new build Sports Pavilion and Community Centre sites at Northstowe.
 - (iii) Opportunities to add non-financial value to the Council's footway lighting stock.
3. Supported the formation of a Renewables Reserve Working Group charged with commissioning investigations, identifying and assessing opportunities, making recommendations and providing 6-monthly updates to CMT, annual updates to EMT and quarterly updates to Cabinet in relation to the investment of funds from the Renewables Reserve.

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9. Recommendations from the Member Task and Finish Group on supporting rural businesses

Cabinet considered the recommendations from the Member Task and Finish Group on supporting rural businesses and:-

- (1) Agreed, the following recommendations to be implemented within existing resources:
 - (a) Recommendation 1: Improve South Cambridgeshire District Council's engagement with local businesses through:
 - (i) The development and implementation of a South Cambridgeshire business engagement plan;
 - (ii) Revamping and relaunching the Council's business webpages; and
 - (iii) Developing a South Cambridgeshire District Council 'business visit' offer.
 - (b) Recommendation 3: Support local business through the provision of business support workshops.
 - (c) Recommendation 5 (b): The development of Neighbourhood Planning guidance on employment land and premises and Recommendation 5 (c): The provision of a workshop and guidance for councillors and officers on the need/scope for employment land in and on the edge of villages and the use of the flexibility allowed for in planning policy.
 - (d) Recommendation 6: Ask the Planning and Portfolio holders to implement the following actions - Recommendation 6 (a) Ensure that the affordable housing needs of rural business employees (and potential employees) and the resulting risks to business growth are recognised and addressed in the development of South Cambridgeshire District Council housing and planning policies. To include:-
 - (i) The Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy
 - (ii) The Greater Cambridge Local Plan including Rural Exception Sites
 - (iii) Planning SPDs; andRecommendation 6 (b): Consider how the Council's affordable housing initiatives and joint ventures with partners could potentially help to deliver homes for key employees, for example, through community-led development, modular housing, build to rent schemes and the review of older people's housing accommodation.
 - (e) Recommendation 7: Request that the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

- consider rural business crime as part of their Strategic Assessment process.
- (f) Recommendation 8: Monitor progress on Brexit and engage with and influence Government directly and through the Combined Authority and LEP on the opportunities for and impacts of Brexit on South Cambridgeshire businesses. Review work at the end of 2018 with a view to preparing for outcomes of Brexit.

- (2) Agreed the following recommendations in principle, subject to further work to develop more detailed proposals and resource requirements:
- (a) Recommendation 2 (a): The provision of a resource pack, seed funding and research to support the development of business networks within and across South Cambridgeshire's villages and Recommendation 2 (b) Facilitating the development of local business apps.
- (b) Recommendation 5 – Ensure that officers, councillors, communities and businesses have the sufficient information available to them to make informed decisions on employment sites and premises through:
- (i) Recommendation 5 (a): Ensuring that the evidence collected to underpin the Economic Development Strategy and Local Plan includes analysis of the demand and supply of business premises within individual areas and across the district and addresses the availability and potential of agricultural premises.
- (ii) Recommendation 5 (d): The development of a South Cambridgeshire property information/inward investment offer.
- (c) Recommendation 6(c): Review of current processes for developing and varying s106 and s278 agreements for housing development with the aim of speeding up the implementation of planning permissions.

- (3) Agreed that Cabinet reviews progress against the agreed recommendations in 6 months.

Please note that this decision was first published on Monday 12 February and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 19 February at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Tuesday 20 February.

10. Corporate Plan Priorities

Cabinet

- A) Authorised the Chief Executive, in consultation with Portfolio Holders, to prepare detailed implementation plans and associated performance measures and ensure these are reflected in directorate service plans and quarterly Position Reports during 2018/19.
- B) Authorised the Chief Executive to make any minor wording changes required to final drafts, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

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11. Quarterly Position Statement on Finance, Performance and Risk

Cabinet

Approved the Strategic Risk Register and Matrices set out in Appendices D – E to the report, subject to retaining the previous risk rating for STR 25 (Risk of Designation as a Poorly Performing Planning Authority), rather than decreasing the gross rating from 20 to 9 and net rating from 12 to 9 as proposed in paragraph 18 of the submitted report.

Please note that this decision was first published on Monday 12 February and so the deadline

for call-in is Monday 19 February at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Tuesday 20 February.

12. Cambourne High Street

Cabinet agreed to make an initial investment, up to the sum indicated in the exempt report from the Executive Director, towards the cost of further design and feasibility work.

Please note that this decision was first published on Monday 12 February and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 19 February at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Tuesday 20 February.

13. Community Assets Scheme: Compulsory Purchase of The Tree

Cabinet agreed recommendation 4(a) as set out in the exempt report.

Please note that this decision was first published on Monday 12 February and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 19 February at 5pm. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Tuesday 20 February.

14. Community Energy Grant Scheme

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder

AGREED to approve the guidance and application form for the new Community Energy Grant Scheme ready for launch on 1 March 2018.

This decision was first published on Thursday 8 February and so the deadline for call-in is Thursday 15 February. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Friday 16 February.

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

15. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



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- [Health & Wellbeing Portfolio Holder's Meeting 19 February](#)
- [Business & Customer Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting 20 February](#)
- [Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting 20 February](#)

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