

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2018**

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 12 July to Friday 27 July

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 12 Jul	6pm	Scrutiny and Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Fri 13 Jul				
Mon 16 Jul				
Tue 17 Jul				
Wed 18 Jul				
Thu 19 Jul	2pm	Council	Council Chamber	Kathrin John
Fri 20 Jul				
Mon 23 Jul				
Tue 24 Jul				
Wed 25 Jul				
Thu 26 Jul	9:30am	Cabinet	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Fri 27 Jul	10am	Grants Advisory Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. New Waste Service Software to be Launched

A new computer system will be installed in recycling and waste collection trucks and begin being used by back-office staff this week. This will replace separate older systems used in South Cambs and Cambridge with one which will be used across the shared waste service in both councils. This will allow back-office processes to be streamlined, make it easier for collection crews to log issues and be made aware of changes to their rounds (such as new Assisted Collections), and allow residents to view some real-time information about their collections on our websites.

Please contact me if you want further details.

Vicky Lacey
Waste Projects Officer – Communications
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3. Planned Road Closures 9 July - A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

Please find attached road closure information for week commencing 9 July.

To contact your A14 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. Further updates as the scheme progresses can be found on our [website](#).

4. Constitution: New Schedule of Executive Functions

Please note that a new Scheme of Executive Functions has been published. This can be viewed on our website:
[New Constitution](#)
(See pages 49-62)

UPCOMING DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TRAINING

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.

5. Environmental Services Briefing: Tue 17 July from 2pm

Date: Tuesday 17 July
Time: 2pm to 3:30pm
Description: Briefing from the Director of Health & Environmental Services on how the Council works with local communities and parishes, and on community safety and health and wellbeing matters.

Aimed at new Members but available as a refresher for all Members.

6. Safeguarding Briefing: Thu 19 July at 10am

Date: Thursday 19 July
Time: 10am to 11am
Description: Briefing by Head of Housing and Property Services on protecting children, young people vulnerable adults of the District from abuse, harm and neglect.

GENERAL INFORMATION

7. 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		
04/07/2018	Cambridge Independent	City's £400m funding 'put at risk by squabbling'	P4	CLlr Bridget Smith quoted
04/07/2018	Cambridge	Metro idea is fantasy - concentrate on	P4	CA article

	Independent	cycling instead, suggests NIC report		
04/07/2018	Cambridge Independent	Weekend fun in the sun at the park	P12	Parklife report
04/07/2018	Cambridge Independent	Council top three for tax collection	P22	
04/07/2018	Star Radio Online	Council prevents over 200 families from becoming homeless	Link	
04/07/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	CLlr Hazel Smith interviewed about homeless prevention	Scroll to 1'41 in	
05/07/2018	Cambridge Network Online	Council prevents over 200 families from becoming homeless	Link	
06/07/2018	Cambridge News	Success in battle to save families from homeless hell	P20	
06/07/2018	Local Government Chronicle online	Burnham bemoans lack of regional power	Link	CLlr Philippa Hart quoted from LGA Conference
11/07/2018	Cambridge Independent	Plan to make A428 single lane at Girton interchange is 'idiocy'	P6	CLlr Ruth Betson quoted on Highways England's plans to keep the A428 / M11 / A14 junction single lane after A14 upgrade
11/07/2018	Cambridge Independent	Trees must stay' as part of Milton Road's upgrade	P13	GCP article
11/07/2018	Cambridge Independent	Mayor hits back over authority's £2.5m staff costs	P18	CA article
11/07/2018	Cambridge Independent	Quick wins focus for GCP	P20	GCP article
11/07/2018	Cambridge Independent	CLlr Bridget Smith column: Making decisions for the good of the people - not the party	P30 & P31	
11/07/2018	Cambridge Independent	Letter: The squabbling is so off-putting	P30	Letter from Coton Parish Councillor

8. 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.

Friday 6 July 2018: *Telegraph*: [Hammond accepts Business Rates impact](#)

Philip Hammond has admitted that business rates are having an impact on the high street and vowed to continue efforts "to find a better way of taxing the digital economy". However, the Chancellor has reportedly written to MPs to refuse calls to overhaul the tax, saying it supports the stability of local government funding.

Tuesday 10 July 2018: *Guardian*: [Opinion: "The Death of Local Democracy"](#)

An article by columnist John Harris considers the impact of austerity on council's budgets and services, devolution and local government structures.

9. 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 4 JULY 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'](#).

10. Provision of 27 Affordable Homes at Grace Crescent Hardwick

The Housing Portfolio Holder and Leader

AGREED To approve South Cambridgeshire District Council entering into Heads of Terms followed thereafter by a contract to purchase 27 affordable homes on a site at Grace Crescent Hardwick.

Please note that with the approval of both the Chairman of Council and the Chairman of Scrutiny and Overview Committee the call-in period for this decision has been waived on the grounds of urgency. This means that the decision cannot be called in and can be implemented immediately.

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.scams.gov.uk/content/access-information>

OTHER INFORMATION

11. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Decisions

- [Provision of 27 Affordable Homes at Grace Crescent, Hardwick](#)