

COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER  
2018

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South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 1 November to Friday 16 November

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 1 Nov				
Fri 2 Nov				
Mon 5 Nov				
Tue 6 Nov				
Wed 7 Nov	9:30am	<a href="#">Cabinet</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
	4pm	<a href="#">Employment &amp; Staffing Committee</a>	Monkfield Room	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Thu 8 Nov				
Fri 9 Nov				
Mon 12 Nov				
Tue 13 Nov				
Wed 14 Nov	10:30am	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Thu 15 Nov	2pm	<a href="#">Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Democratic Services</a>
Fri 16 Nov				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Road Closures

Please find attached details of this week's A14 related road closures.

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.

3. Budget Briefing: Tue 6 November at 5:30pm

Date: Tuesday 6 November

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Council Chamber

Description: A briefing on the process for setting the 2019/20 budget.

4. Commercialisation Masterclass: Thu 8 Nov 9:30am to 4:30pm

Date: Thursday 8 November

Time: 9:30am to 4:30pm (lunch provided)

Venue: Council Chamber

Description: A training session on how the Council can raise income.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 5. 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		
24/10/2018	Cambridge News	High cost of living blamed for failure to attract key staff	P6	Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
24/10/2018	Cambridge News	Whopping £94.5k pay-out for Cambridgeshire public servant who quit job	<a href="#">Link</a>	Combined Authority article
24/10/2018	Cambridge Independent online	Huge severance payment for Combined Authority chief executive revealed	<a href="#">Link</a>	
24/10/2018	The Guardian Online	53 councils have not prosecuted a single landlord in three years	<a href="#">Link</a>	SCDC listed along with 52 other Councils
24/10/2018	Cambridge Independent	Living costs lead to skill shortages'	P7	Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
24/10/2018	Cambridge Independent	Petition over Starbucks plan	P14	Mentions SCDC planning consultation
24/10/2018	Cambridge Independent	Deal protects bus service from axe	P15	
24/10/2018	Cambridge Independent	Campaign group sets out 'people's vision' for town	P15	Waterbeach Cycling Campaign reaction to new town SPD
24/10/2018	Cambridge Independent	Letter: No one voted for Brexit chaos - that's why there should be another chance to stay	P29	Letter from Cllr Geoff Harvey
25/10/2018	Cambridge News	Combined authority chief's £94k payoff	P4	Combined Authority article
25/10/2018	Cambridge News	Off-road option to link metro	P11	Combined Authority article
29/10/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Jose Hales interviewed as part of vox pop of people's opinions of austerity	<a href="#">Scroll to approx 57m</a>	
29/10/2018	Ely Standard online	House prices driving recruiting problems for businesses	<a href="#">Link</a>	Cllr Bridget Smith quoted in Combined Authority role
30/10/2018	Cambridge Network Online	Council housing pledge after borrowing cap lifted	<a href="#">Link</a>	
30/10/2018	Cambridge News	Budget boost could make city economic 'powerhouse'	P4	Budget reaction - Cllr Hazel Smith quoted about housing borrowing cap
30/10/2018	Cambridge News	Board 'not consulted' over £94k pay-out to chief exec	P7	Combined Authority article
30/10/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Ruth Betson interviewed about Starbucks plans for Cambourne drive-thru	TBC	
31/10/2018	Cambridge	Housing hopes	P4	Reaction to autumn budget

	Independent			
31/10/2018	Cambridge Independent	19th-century idea 'could ease county housing crisis'	P7	Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
31/10/2018	Cambridge Independent	Countryside route backing for city's new transport link	P9	Combined Authority article. Cllr Ian Sollom and Cllr Philip Allen quoted
31/10/2018	Cambridge Independent	Hotel donates spare bedding to council's good causes	P9	
31/10/2018	Cambridge Independent	CA chief resigned and collected £94k	P19	
31/10/2018	Cambridge Independent	Green light for first phase of £45 million education campus	P25	Cllr Tumi Hawkins quoted
31/10/2018	Cambridge News	New 'model communities' to help solve city housing crisis	P7	Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
31/10/2018	Cambridge News	Extraordinary letter leads to hopes of more open combined authority	P11	Combined Authority article.

## 6. 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.

Saturday 27 October: *BBC Online*: [Taxi licences “issued to convicted criminals”](#)

Taxi licences are being granted to drivers who are convicted of crimes including sex trafficking and reckless driving, an investigation by the Local Democracy service has found.

Saturday 27 October: *Telegraph*: [Cost of housing benefit “set to treble by 2050”](#)

The cost of housing benefit, paid to bridge the gap between low incomes and high rents, is set to increase by threefold by 2050, a new analysis by the Centre for Social Justice has revealed.

Saturday 27 October: *Mail*: [Cashless Councils](#)

Some local authorities have switched from cash or cheque payments for bills to electronic payment only, it is reported, in a bid to cut down on processing costs.

Sunday 28 October: *Observer*: [Universal Credit](#)

Universal Credit is contributing to rising homelessness, according to an investigation carried out by the Observer.

Wednesday 31 October: *BBC News online*: [Rural areas “least socially mobile”](#)

People living in rural communities are facing diminishing opportunities as a result of a “false perception” of these areas being affluent, according to a new report by the County Councils Network and the County All-Party Parliamentary Group of MPs.

## 7. 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.scambsgov.uk/content/access-information>

### OTHER INFORMATION

## 8. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



### Agendas

- [Employment & Staffing Committee 7 November](#)
- [Cabinet 7 November](#)

### Minutes

- [Cabinet 3 October](#)
- [Council 27 September](#)