			COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN WEDNESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2018 CONTENTS		South Cambridgeshire District Council		
1.	Meetings and ev	ents from	Thursday 8 November to Frida	y 23 November			
	Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact		
	Thu 8 Nov						
	Fri 9 Nov						
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	Mon 12 Nov						
	Tue 13 Nov Wed 14 Nov	10:30am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior		
	Thu 15 Nov	2pm	Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint	Council Chamber	Democratic		
		2pm	Assembly	Council Chamber	Services		
	Fri 16 Nov						
	Mon 19 Nov						
	Tue 20 Nov	9:30am	Audit & Corporate Governance Committee – POSTPONED (to 20 December)				
	Wed 21 Nov						
	Thu 22 Nov	6pm	Scrutiny and Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace		
	Fri 23 Nov						
			DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND	PARISH COUNC	ILS		
2.	Great Abington Former LSA Estate Neighbourhood Plan Please find attached a note on the referendum on Great Abington's Neighbourhood Plan, which will take place on Thursday 13 December.						
3.	Rough Sleeping	ough Sleeping Estimate - Overnight Between 22-23 November 2018					
	Dear Councillors						
	You may recall a similar request for your help in previous years, in order to provide an estimate of the number of people sleeping rough in the district. Last year our estimate was 4. The Council will again be trying to achieve a snap shot of the number of people sleeping rough in the district on the evening, overnight between 22nd/ 23rd November 2018 . I would be very grateful if you could notify me if you are aware of anyone sleeping rough in your community on this evening. The Government definition of a rough sleeper is as follows:						
	People sleeping, about to bed down (sitting on/in or standing next to their bedding) or actually bedded down in the open air (such as on the streets, in tents, doorways, parks, bus shelters or encampments). People in buildings or other places not designed for habitation (such as stairwells, barns, sheds, car parks, cars, derelict boats, stations, or "bashes").						
	The definition does not include people in hostels or shelters, people in campsites or other sites used for recreational purposes or organised protest, squatters or Travellers. Our estimate must only include those rough sleeping on that single night. Our typical night has been chosen taking into account local factors, a weekday and it is the same night as some of						

	our neighbouring authorities are estimating or counting their figures.							
	Where possible and to prevent double counting it would be helpful if you can provide the							
	 following information when notifying us of any rough sleepers:- Their location 							
	Gender							
	 Age brackets (under 18/ 18-25/ 25 and over) 							
	 Nationality (UK National/ EU National/ Non-EU National). 							
	Please send any notifications of rough sleepers to me at:							
	Susan.carter@scambs.gov.uk							
4.	Newsletter A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme November to December 2018							
	Please find attached the	Please find attached the latest Newsletter on the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement.						
5.	A14 Road Closures							
	Please find attached a list 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 <u>Patrick Adams</u> 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.							
6.	Risk Management Training: Tuesday 13 November							
	Please note that there are two identical Risk Management training events next week:							
	Tuesday 13 November: 3pm to 5pm							
	Tuesday 13 November: 6:30pm to 8:30pm							
	These interactive workshops have been arranged for councillors, but are also open to officers.							
	They will cover the internal and external risk landscape and are likely to include:							
	 An overview of strategic risk management and why it is important An introduction and overview of the Council's approach to risk management 							
	 Discussion of the key risks which may affect the ability of the Council to deliver against 							
	key priorities and objectives							
	Review of the ro	les and responsibilities of Members regarding risk management						
		GENERAL INFORMATION						
7.	Media Monitoring							
		Arising from the results of the Member Communication						
		Needs Survey, many members highlighted the fact that						
	THE NEWS	residents found out about SCDC matters through the media.						
	(7) [7]	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		
31/10/2018	Cambridge Independent	Housing hopes	P4	Reaction to autumn budget
31/10/2018	-	19th-century idea 'could ease county housing crisis'	P7	Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
31/10/2018	•	Countryside route backing for city's new transport link	P9	Combined Authority article. Cllr Ian Sollom and Cllr Philip Allen quoted
31/10/2018		Hotel donates spare bedding to council's good causes	P9	
31/10/2018		CA chief resigned and collected £94k	P19	
31/10/2018		Green light for first phase of £45 million education campus	P25	Cllr Tumi Hawkins quoted
31/10/2018		New 'model communities' to help solve city housing crisis	P7	Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
31/10/2018		Extraordinary letter leads to hopes of more open combined authority	P11	Combined Authority article.
31/10/2018		New 'model communities' funded by private companies could fix Cambridgeshire housing crisis	<u>Link</u>	Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
01/11/2018	Cambridge News	We must deliver a solution'	P7	Combined Authority article: Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
01/11/2018	Hunts Post Online	Petition to stop coffee chain plan launched by developers	<u>Link</u>	
03/11/2018	Cambridge News online	Waterbeach train station is officially being moved - and it's the beginning of the end for village spirit	<u>Link</u>	Opinion piece
03/11/2018	Cambridge News online		<u>Link</u>	
04/11/2018	Sunday Politics East	Cllr Bridget Smith interviewed as part of the panel - topics included housing, Brexit, Fishing industry and social mobility	<u>Link</u>	
05/11/2018	Cambridge News	Green light for plans to shunt station along line	P11	
06/11/2018	Cambridge News	I haven't slept for weeks because this light is keeping me awake at night'	P11	
		Report: Bin crew safety campaign on lunchtime, evening and late bulletins	N/A	
07/11/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Report and Cllr Neil Gough interviewed: Bin crew safety campaign	<u>Scrol</u> <u>1 to</u> <u>10m</u> <u>in</u>	
07/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Expanding Park & Ride options	Р5	GCP article
07/11/2018		Railway station move is approved	P7	Approval for Waterbeach Railway Station move
07/11/2018	-	Don't argue to death over metro'	P7	CA and GCP article - Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
07/11/2018		Column: Together we can make a real difference to our environment	P33	Cllr Bridget Smith's column

8. 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. Association Thursday 1 November: Guardian: Universal Credit Sir Ian Diamond, the Chair of the Social Security Advisory Committee, said plans to move 3 million people to Universal Credit from next year loaded an "unreasonable level of risk" on claimants. Monday 5 November: BBC Radio 5 Live Investigates: Business rates avoidance LGA Deputy Chairman Cllr David Simmonds appeared on BBC Radio 5 Live Investigates yesterday to discuss business rates avoidance and the issue of "phoenixing", where businesses go bust only to re-emerge under a different name with no debts. Tuesday 6 November: Express Online: Littering out of your car could now land you up to £450 fine A story highlights the case of a motorist taken to court and told to pay £450 in fines and costs after ignoring an £80 fine issued by a council for littering from his vehicle. Tuesday 6 November: BBC Online: Universal credit: Claimants "to get more time to switch" Work and Pensions Secretary Esther McVey has said Universal Credit claimants will not have to wait as long for their money and debt repayments will be reduced. Wednesday 7 November: LBC Online: Housing Minister warns councils to meet targets The Housing Minister has said developers and councils must meet certain housing delivery targets, or local authorities risk having planning powers taken "out of their hands". View Planning Applications 9. 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.scambs.gov.uk/content/access-information **OTHER INFORMATION** 10. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov Agendas Planning Committee 14 November Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly 15 November Minutes Planning Committee 10 October Plans Forward Plan of Key Decisions Issues **Business Plan Review of the Medium Term Financial** Strategy Waterbeach Supplementary Planning Documents Adoption Northern Fringe Area Action Plan Issues and Options Council Tax Empty Homes Premium Elite Athletes Grant Scheme Budget Report 11. **SCDC Starters and Leavers** Staff who have left GOODB Name: Michael Burgess Job title: Mechanical Cleansing Driver Date left: 30 October 2018 Name: Caroline Fuller Job title: Resource Officer Date left: 19 October 2018

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Agenda Item 2

Great Abington Former LSA Estate Neighbourhood Plan

On 15 October 2018, the Council received the Examiner's Report on the Great Abington Former Land Settlement Association (LSA) Estate Neighbourhood Plan, which concludes that subject to a series of recommended modifications the Neighbourhood Plan meets all the necessary legal requirements and should proceed to referendum.

To comply with national regulations, SCDC (in conjunction with Great Abington Parish Council) has considered the conclusions in the Examiner's Report, has agreed that those conclusions should be acted upon, and has agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum. The referendum will take place on Thursday 13 December 2018.

If more people vote 'yes' than 'no' in the referendum, then SCDC will 'make' (adopt) the Neighbourhood Plan and it will become part of the development plan for South Cambridgeshire, giving it the same legal status as the Local Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan will be used when making decisions on planning applications within its area. This would be the first 'made' neighbourhood plan in South Cambridgeshire.

If more people vote 'no' than 'yes' in the referendum, then planning applications will be decided without using the Neighbourhood Plan.

To view the Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents, and further details on the referendum including who is entitled to vote, visit our **Great Abington Former LSA Estate Neighbourhood Plan** webpage.

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Agenda Item 3

SEVERE WEATHER FACT SHEET 2018

What is severe weather provision (SWP)?

During particularly cold (when temperatures are O°C or below for three consecutive nights) or severe weather that could increase the risk of harm to people sleeping rough, South Cambridgeshire District Council will provide accommodation to rough sleepers.

Who can access severe weather provision?

Provision is only for known rough sleepers who have been discovered to be or would otherwise be sleeping out if provision was not available.

These arrangements are to ensure there is a humanitarian response to prevent rough sleepers dying from the cold while there is severe weather. It is expected that all rough sleepers, including those who would normally have no recourse to public funds, are made an emergency offer and these arrangements will often be made outside the usual eligibility/entitlement framework that governs access to housing. As such the quality of the accommodation might be of a lower standard than that offered ordinarily.

It is not the Council's duty to force people to access the SWP however, we will strive to encourage those who are rough sleeping to use this provision.

In all other instances of suspected homelessness, applicants should contact the Housing Advice and Homelessness team in the usual way.

How to access severe weather provision?

A referral can be made to the Housing Advice and Homelessness team who will complete an assessment form.

As part of the assessment, the Housing Advice and Homelessness Team will ascertain the precise location of the sleep site and evaluate the accessibility of accommodation with family members.

Depending on the outcome of the assessment, the Housing Advice and Homelessness Team will determine whether it is necessary to provide emergency accommodation. Consideration will be given to utilising beds within the Council's hostel accommodation. If this is unsuitable, or no bed spaces are available an emergency referral to a B&B will be made by a member of the Housing Advice and Options service.

If a rough sleeper is identified out of office hours, please telephone the Emergency out of hours number.

Outside of office hours, if it is not possible to verify a rough sleeper, officers will give clients the benefit of the doubt for one night only and an assessment will be carried out on the next working day, before agreeing provision for a second night.

When will accommodation be available?

Emergency severe weather provision will be available to rough sleepers where temperatures of O°C or below are predicted for 3 nights or more, or where severe weather, such as extreme wind or rain, is anticipated for this period of time. The Housing Advice and Homelessness Assistant (HAHA) is responsible for monitoring the anticipated

temperatures during the period October 2018 – March 2019 and advising the team when severe weather provision is likely to be required (When the HAHA is not in they should pass this responsibility to another officer).

When SWP is not currently available we will predict as follows:

Monday: predict temperature for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Tuesday: predict temperature for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Wednesday: predict temperature for Thursday, Friday and Saturday Thursday: predict temperature for Friday, Saturday and Sunday Friday: predict temperature for Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights

Once SWP is operating, the forecast will be checked 24 hours before it is due to close. A decision will be made whether to keep it available on a daily basis. It will not be extended for three days if it is continued. After the first 3-day block has expired SWP will be extended 1 day at a time if necessary.

Once the SWP has been started we will keep it open for 3 nights even if the predicted temperature for any of those three nights rises above Zero.

Dogs

Some rough sleepers may have dogs. Dogs will <u>not</u> be accepted into the Councils hostel accommodation or B&B placements. Therefore in order to help encourage the rough sleeper to come in from the severe or cold weather, when SWP is available, we will attempt to place the dog(s) in an animal rescue centre/ kennels, however, we cannot guarantee finding a placement for the dog.

Useful Contact Information

Housing Advice and Homelessness Team Office opening times: 8.30am - 5.00pm Monday – Friday

Email: housingadvice@scambs.gov.uk

Contact Centre: Telephone: 03450 450 051

Emergency out of hours: **Telephone: 01253 501117**





Sections 1 and 2 - Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line Section 3 - East Coast Main Line to Swavesey Sections 4 and 5 - Swavesey to Milton Section 6 – Huntingdon

Traffic Management:

Sections 1 and 2: Narrow lanes and a 40-mph speed limit remain in force on the A1 and both north and southbound carriageways will continue to be closed intermittently for the installation of gantry technology.

Section 3: There will be a closure of the A1198 at Ermine Street bridge at the end of November for the installation of lighting. We'll advise you of the exact date when it's confirmed. The next closures in this section will be for completion Conington Road Bridge, either at the end of 2018 or early 2019.



Sections 4 & 5: The A14 will be closed between junctions 26 (St Ives) and 29 (Bar Hill) during the weekend of Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 November for the demolition of the old bridge at Swavesey.

The week-night closures of the A14 between the Girton Interchange and Milton will end shortly as the works move into phase two. Intermittent night works are anticipated to continue until the end of 2018 and we'll give good notice of the dates.

You can contact us on our dedicated A14 Public Helpline 0800 270 0114 Scheme information is also available on our website www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A14C2H and God San also follow us at:







Construction Activities:

Section 1: We're still on schedule to complete the A1 north of Brampton Hut and open the new carriageway before Christmas. Since the new alignment of Wooley Road is reliant upon the completion of the new Ellington junction, the temporary access from Wooley Road onto the new A1 alignment will remain in place. This new route will link the new Ellington Junction and Brampton Hut.

Section 2: We have reached the end of an extensive and very productive earthworks season. You may see that most of the big earthmoving equipment is now at a standstill. Some vehicles will move to other projects, while others remain on site to undergo maintenance ready for use in spring 2019.

At the River Great Ouse crossing, pictured below, we've crossed the river and are heading towards the railway crossing.

We expect the bridge decking to be completed by the end of the year and early in 2019 both the viaduct and East Coast Mainline bridge will open, connecting sections 2 and 3 for the first time.

80% of the gantries have been installed on the A1 and these will be connected in the first few months of 2019. Using the latest sophisticated technology, these will display up-to date information for road users.



Section 3: Drainage installation continues in this section and the foundation of the carriageways are almost ready for asphalt to be applied in November. The top-soiled banks are being seeded with varieties of grasses and mixtures of wildflowers.

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Construction of the Offord Road and Conington Road bridges is progressing well and preliminary work has started on New Barns Lane in preparation for construction of the section's last bridge in the New Year. At the East Coast Main Line bridge, the carriageway-approach embankments have been built up behind the abutments.

Sections 4 and 5:

The new bridge at Swavesey (pictured below) will be open to traffic in the first week of November. The demolition of the existing bridge is scheduled to take place during a weekend closure on the 17 and 18 November.



Work on the new local access roads which will run from Oakington Road to Huntingdon Road and Girton to Dry Drayton is progressing well. We anticipate that traffic will be using these roads this winter (2018/19). Construction of the new road into Cambridge Crematorium is well underway.

A temporary junction from the westbound carriageway has been created for Lolworth village to allow works to start at the location of the old alignment.

The night works along the Cambridge Northern Bypass will end soon. We've removed the central safety barrier and resurfaced the road, allowing traffic to move across as we start to widen this section of the A14. During the next phase, most of the work will be carried out during the day.

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Section 6 Huntingdon Works:

Early preparatory work in this section will start later this year, but the removal of the viaduct cannot begin until A14 traffic is on the new road. The recent information we have shared about our work in Huntingdon can be found via this link: <u>A14-Cambridge to Huntingdon- Preview of plans for Huntingdon</u>

Community Engagement

The A14 Mobile Visitor Centre will be at the following events/venues:

- Alconbury Memorial Hall, School Lane PE28 4EQ Tuesday 6 November, 3pm to 6.30pm
- Wyton Primary School, Cambridge Square, Wyton on the Hill, Wyton, Huntingdon PE28 2JB Tuesday 27 November 2pm to 4.30pm

If you'd like to book the MVC to visit your village or town, please email:

a14cambridgehuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk

Please note – For the safety of our visitor centre staff and visitors, during the winter months we will not be able to offer evening visits.

Volunteering:

The A14 team is always on the lookout for local volunteering opportunities. If you or your parishioners have any community projects we could help with, please call us on 0800 270 0114 or email <u>Samantha.kedie@thea14.com</u>

Ecology:





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Last spring our environment team discovered a colony of water voles in a watercourse in the path of critical A14 works. They were removed to a safe haven and cared for by ecolological and veterinary experts.

During the nine months the water voles were there, the team created a bespoke habitat for this protected species, a task which would normally take between 18-24 months. This was quite a challenge during the long, hot and dry summer, but the team persevered, irrigating the new watercourse twice a daily, resulting in the rich oasis pictured above.

The little mammals bred and thrived well in captivity and in the last week of October, we released 'The A14 Twelve' along the clover-rich banks of their new home. Pictured above is one of the twelve ready for liberation. We hope this little colony will proliferate, going some way to reverse the rate of decline in the water vole population found elsewhere in the U.K.

Archaeology:

News of the discovery on the project of woolly rhino and mammoth remains, thought to have been deposited up to 130,00 years ago, has captured the attention of the national press, with widespread reporting of the story on local news channels.

Darren Hickman, pictured below, unearthed a woolly mammoth tusk while excavating in section 3. Interviewed by journalists, Darren described how he made this "once in a lifetime" find. "While excavating gravel, I did a trial load into the base clay and that's where I found the first mammoth tusk and the bones. At first it looked like a tree root or branch, but at the depth we were working, maybe five or six metres, I thought it was a bit strange to have that sort of thing so far down. I should think that you'll find something like that only once in a lifetime, so it's rare. It's a pretty good feeling."



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Dr Bill Boismier, consultant Palaeolithic archaeologist, pictured above with Darren, added, "The bones, together with other environmental evidence surviving from the Ice Age such as plant, insect, and microscopic pollen remains will help us to create a picture of the floodplain environment at the time when these remains were deposited."

These rare woolly rhino skulls (posterior view shown below the larger skull), will be cleaned, dated and preserved in London for eventual display in a museum.





Agenda Item 5

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire: major improvements

Construction work on the new A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon scheme is underway. We are currently carrying out a variety of tasks for which we need to close lanes or carriageways on the A1, A14 and some local roads at times, usually overnight between 8pm and 6am, unless otherwise stated. A clearly signed diversion route will always be in place for closures. For this week, the planned closures are:

Full closures

Monday 5th (one night)

• M11 northbound J14 to A14 westbound Fenstanton J27

Vehicles will be diverted west on the A428 then north on the A1198 to re-join the A14 at Godmanchester

Local access will be maintained between the strategic diversion and the hard closure

• A1307 outbound

Monday 5th to Friday 9th (five nights)

• A1 northbound between Buckden and Alconbury

Vehicles will travel east on the A428, north on the A1198, west on the A14 and then north on the A14 link road to re-join the A1

• A1 southbound between Alconbury and Buckden

Vehicles will be diverted south on the A14 link road, then east on the A14, south on the A1198 and west on the A428 to re-join the A1

Tuesday 6th to Wednesday 7th (two nights)

• A14 eastbound between St Ives J26 and Bar Hill J29

Strategic traffic will be diverted south on the A1198, then east on the A428 to re-join the A14.

Local access will be maintained between the strategic diversion and the hard closure

Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th (four nights)

• A14 westbound between Six Mile Bottom J36 and Histon J32

Motorway traffic will travel south on the A11, west on the A505 and then north on the M11. Non motorway traffic will diverted on local roads through Cambridge

Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th (three nights)

- A14 eastbound Swavesey J28 exit and entry slips
- Buckingway Road

Friday 9th 9pm to Sunday 11th 6pm

Conington Road

Saturday 10th 7am to Sunday 11th 6pm

Hilton Road

Sunday 11th (one night)

• M11 northbound J14 to A14 westbound Swavesey J28

Vehicles will be diverted west on the A428 then north on the A1198 to re-join the A14 at Godmanchester

Local access will be maintained between the strategic diversion and the hard closure

• A1307 outbound

For more information about this scheme, visit <u>http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon/</u>, or stay updated by following us on <u>https://twitter.com/a14c2h</u> and <u>https://en-gb.facebook.com/A14C2H/</u>.