

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



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 15 November to Friday 30 November

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 15 Nov	2pm	Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly	Council Chamber	Democratic Services
Fri 16 Nov				
Mon 19 Nov	11:59pm	Deadline for Councillors' motions and questions for Council		
Tue 20 Nov	9:30am	Audit & Corporate Governance Committee – POSTPONED to 20 December		
Wed 21 Nov				
Thu 22 Nov	3:30pm	Scrutiny Briefing	Jeavons Room	Victoria Wallace
	6pm	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Fri 23 Nov				
Mon 26 Nov				
Tue 27 Nov	10am	Grants Advisory Committee	Monkfield Room	Ian Senior
	6:30pm	Cabinet & Parish Liaison Meeting	Council Chamber	Gemma Barron
Wed 28 Nov	4pm	Climate & Environment Advisory Committee	Public Gallery in Chamber	Patrick Adams (agenda)
	6pm	Brexit Advisory Group	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
Thu 29 Nov	9:30am	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Monkfield Room	Victoria Wallace
	2pm	Council	Council Chamber	Kathrin John
Fri 30 Nov	9:30am	Extraordinary Planning Committee (Waterbeach New Town)	Council Chamber	Ian Senior

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Details of A14 Road Closures

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

3. 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		
07/11/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Report and Cllr Neil Gough interviewed: Bin crew safety campaign	Scroll to 10m in	
07/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Expanding Park & Ride options	P5	GCP article
07/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Railway station move is approved	P7	Approval for Waterbeach Railway Station move
07/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Don't argue to death over metro'	P7	CA and GCP article - Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
07/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Column: Together we can make a real difference to our environment	P33	Cllr Bridget Smith's column
07/11/2018	Cambridge News online	Shocking footage shows car mount pavement and nearly take out bin man	Link	
07/11/2018	Cambridge Network Online	CCTV footage released to bin bad driving	Link	
08/11/2018	Cambridge News	Campaign to put the brake on driving on pavements	P1 & P5	
08/11/2018	Cambridge News	Chief executive's exit cost £11k in legal fees	P4	CA article
08/11/2018	Cambridge News	Metro plan to alleviate the area's traffic woes is revealed	P6 & P7	CA article
08/11/2018	Cambridge News	Metro link idea is greeted with local scepticism	P12	CA article
08/11/2018	Cambridge Independent Online	Fee for extra green bin collections in South Cambridgeshire approved	Link	
08/11/2018	Planning Magazine	How we did it: Aligning plans to manage homes growth	Link (subscription required)	
09/11/2018	Architects Journal online	Four firms to work with Cambridgeshire villagers as Public Practice bears fruit	Link	Behind a paywall - unable to read full article
09/11/2018	Royston Crow online	Charge for extra green bin collections approved in South Cambs	Link	
09/11/2018	Cambridge Independent Online	Saved bus service in Cambridgeshire to make its first run on Monday	Link	
10/11/2018	Cambridge Independent online	Residents given chance to air their views on additional park and ride scheme for Cambridge	Link	GCP article
12/11/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Breakfast show covers Papworth X3 service funding	Scroll to 12 mins in	
12/11/2018	Cambridge Independent online	Waterbeach on track for new railway station	Link	
12/11/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	PM bulletins: First run of saved X3 Papworth bus service	N/A	
13/11/2018	Cambridge News	Campaigners slam plan for bus road	P6	GCP article
13/11/2018	Cambridge	Teenager's push ensures X3 bus route	P14	

	News	motors on		
13/11/2018	Cambridge Network Online	New toolkit developed to tackle loneliness	Link	
13/11/2018	Cambridge News online	Crucial Whippet bus service returns after Cambridgeshire village comes together to save it	Link	
13/11/2018	Transport Network online	Mayors out in force to boost bus services	Link	
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Call for mayoral corporation to help deliver route	P7	CA article
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Toolkit to help tackle loneliness	P7	
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Setting out the future of transport	P8	GCP article
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Have your say on rural travel hubs	P8	GCP article
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Histon Road plans 'will fail to deliver on safety promises'	P8	GCP article
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Vital bus service back on route as grant plugs gap	P19	
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Community marks Diwali with dance and colour	P22	Cllr Mark Howell and Cllr Shrobona Bhattacharya quoted
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	Drivers mounting pavements to avoid bin lorries	P25	
14/11/2018	Cambridge Independent	New charge for second green bin	P25	

4. 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.

Friday 9 November 2018: *Telegraph*: [Don't stop recycling, minister urges Council](#)

The Environment Minister Therese Coffey has written to Swindon Borough Council urging it to continue mixed plastic.

Saturday 10 November 2018: *Telegraph*: [Recycling plan for packaging firms to meet 100 per cent of cost](#)

The Environmental Secretary Michael Gove is to set out proposals for packing manufacturers to fund 100 per cent of the cost recycling for household waste.

Monday 12 November 2018: *Guardian*: [Universal credit "costs more than existing benefits"](#)

A report by the Resolution Foundation thinktank has warned that universal credit is set to be more expensive than the welfare system it replaces.

5. 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 14 NOVEMBER 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'](#).

6. Northstowe Starter Homes - Strategic Collaborative Agreement

Cabinet approved the Strategic Collaboration Agreement attached as Appendix A to the report from the Head of Housing Strategy.

This decision was first published on Friday 9 November and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Friday 16 November.

7. Implementation-Adoption of Completed Supplementary Planning Documents

Cabinet

- A) approved the adoption of the Cambridgeshire Flood and Water Supplementary Planning Document (with amendments listed in Appendix 1);

- B)** approved the adoption of the Land North of Cherry Hinton Supplementary Planning Document (with amendments listed in Appendix 1); and
- C)** delegated any subsequent minor amendments and editing of the SPDs to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development.

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8. Adoption of Recycling and Waste Operational Policies

Cabinet

- (a) approved the 'Waste Collection Policies and Procedures' document as and, in particular, the following three major changes to policy:
 - (i) Introduction of chargeable additional garden waste bins (South Cambridgeshire District Council only)
 - (ii) Change to monthly organic collection during December, January and February (Cambridge City Council only)
 - (iii) Change to 6am start time for domestic waste services (Cambridge City Council only)
- (b) Delegated to the Director for Health and Environmental Services, in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Licensing at South Cambridgeshire District Council, and their opposite numbers at Cambridge City Council, the responsibility for approving minor updates to the document to ensure operational efficiency and customer satisfaction.

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9. Mobile Warden Scheme Grants Criteria

Cabinet

- (c) approved the proposed changes to the Mobile and Community Warden Scheme Grant criteria and guidance notes, as set out at Appendix A to the report from the Head of Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing; and
- (d) requested the Grants Advisory Committee to carry out a further review of the Mobile and Community Warden Scheme, in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance, to explore options regarding access to the Scheme throughout South Cambridgeshire, and consider the implications for the Council's budget from 2020-21 onwards.

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10. Community Energy Grants Criteria

Cabinet

- (e) agreed to re-open the Community Energy Grant Scheme,

- (f) approved the proposed amendments to the scheme guidance notes and application form, to be effective immediately; and
- (g) Instructed the Grants Advisory Committee and Climate Change and Environment Advisory Committee, either jointly or in consultation with each other, to explore options for the more effective expenditure of community energy funding, and consider implications for the Council's budget from 2020-21 onwards.

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11. Business Plan

Cabinet

2. agreed that a public consultation be carried out about the following priorities for the 2019-2024 Business Plan
- **Economic Development** – We will support businesses of all sizes, including rural enterprise and farming, to help create new jobs and opportunities near to where people live.
 - **Housing that is affordable for everyone to live in** – Our focus will be on building vibrant and healthy communities with a range of homes people can genuinely afford to live in. Our communities will have the right facilities and services and be places where people love to live, not just groups of houses.
 - **Climate and Environment** – We will put the environment at the centre of everything we do to create a cleaner, greener future for our communities.
 - **A 21st Century Council** – We will provide our customers with the high quality services that we would expect ourselves, always strive to reduce costs, build on what we are good at to generate our own income and make decisions in a transparent, open and inclusive way.

as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report from the Chief Executive. The document and public consultation responses would then inform the further development of a full Business Plan.

3. Agreed that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, be authorised to facilitate public consultation to last from Monday 19 November 2018 until Monday 7 January 2019, with the priorities being published on the Council's website and in the *South Cambs Magazine* for comment, and promoted through social media. Businesses receiving the Council's business newsletter would also be contacted, and Council staff would be briefed and engaged through the Council's intranet.

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12. Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Medium Term Financial Strategies 2018/19

Cabinet approved the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) as set out in **Appendix 1** to the report from the Head of Finance, to include:

- changes in financial assumptions as detailed in **Appendix B** to the HRA MTFS
- mid-year revenue budget changes, as detailed in **Appendix D(1)** to the HRA MTFS, which impact future forecasts for the HRA.
- mid-year capital budgets changes, as detailed in **Appendix E** to the HRA MTFS, to include recognition of the virement of resource of £1,560,000 from the unallocated acquisition / new build budget for the acquisition of market dwellings, to ensure that right to buy receipts are appropriately reinvested in 2018/19
- updates in the new build budget and the new build schemes included in the Housing Capital Investment Plan, incorporation of the latest budgetary figures in respect of approved new build schemes, inclusion of new pipeline schemes with associated budgetary provision and re-phasing of expenditure in line with anticipated build timetables
- changes in anticipated receipt and use of capital resources for the HRA, as included in **Appendix H** to the HRA MTFS
- approval of the HRA budget strategy for 2019/20, to include the exemplification of efficiency savings of £142,000, to facilitate the creation of a corresponding strategic investment fund also of £142,000 for 2019/20, with both reducing to £95,000 per annum from 2020/21 onwards for a further 4 years.
- noting the early proposals for bids and savings in the HRA, as detailed in **Appendix D (2)** to the HRA MTFS in advance of formal consideration as part of the HRA Budget Setting Report in February 2019.

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13. **General Fund Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019-20**

Cabinet

- a) Considered and noted the General Fund forecast as set out in **Appendix A** to the report from the Head of Finance, and:
 - Noted the assumptions underpinning the forecast;
 - Noted the indicative revenue pressures and their impact on savings requirements as set out at **Appendix C**;
 - Noted the amendments to the indicative capital programme and their impact on savings requirements as set out at **Appendix D**;
 - Instructed the Head of Finance to bring forward detailed draft estimates for 2018/19 based on assumptions and issues contained in this report for consideration by the Cabinet in the new year; and
 - Instructed the Executive Management Team (EMT) to identify and develop other options for meeting the additional income / savings requirement.
- b) Considered and endorsed the amendment to the Ermine Street Housing Business Plan attached at confidential **Appendix B** and, as a direct result, **recommended that Council** bring forward lending of £13 million to Ermine Street Housing into 2018/19 by re-phasing the Capital Programme, and bring forward budget from future years to enable the Company to continue the business expansion as agreed by Cabinet and Council in November 2015.
- c) Approved delegation of the use of the Business Efficiency Reserve to the Chief Executive.

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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

14. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Decisions

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

Minutes

- [Scrutiny & Overview Committee 18 October](#)