

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER
2018**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 14 December to Friday 28 December

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 13 Dec	10am	Grants Advisory Committee	Monkfield Room	Ian Senior
Fri 14 Dec				
Mon 17 Dec	10am	Planning Committee – Waterbeach – POSTPONED		
Tue 18 Dec	6pm	Scrutiny and Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Wed 19 Dec				
Thu 20 Dec	9:30am	Audit & Corporate Governance Committee - POSTPONED		
Fri 21 Dec				
Mon 24 Dec				
Tue 25 Dec		Christmas Day – Office Closed		
Wed 26 Dec		Boxing Day – Office Closed		
Thu 27 Dec				
Fri 28 Dec				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2. Community Right to Bid - Assets of Community Value - Tree Pub, Stapleford

In Stapleford - The Tree Public House, 9 Bar Lane, Stapleford
The Council has approved the re-listing of The Tree Public House as an Asset of Community Value until 06 December 2023.

The Council will update the asset register accordingly.

Further information about the Community Right to Bid and Assets of Community Value can be found on our webpage:

www.scamb.gov.uk/ACV

3. Community Right to Bid - Asset of Community Value - Rupert Brooke Pub in Grantchester

In Grantchester - Rupert Brooke Public House & Restaurant
The Council has approved the listing of The Rupert Brooke Public House & Restaurant as an Asset of Community Value until 06 December 2023

The Council will update the asset register accordingly.

Further information about the Community Right to Bid and Assets of Community Value can be found on our webpage:

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4. A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme - Planned Road Closures this week

With apologies, three closures were missed off the attached report in error. These are listed below:

Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th (three nights)

- Buckingway Road
- A14 eastbound Swavesey junction 28 exit and entry slips

Friday 14th (one night)

- A14 eastbound Bar Hill junction 29 exit and entry slips

5. A14 Monthly Parish Newsletter December 2018 to January 2019

The attached newsletter provides you with updates for this month and next, in relation to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme.

To contact your A14 sections stakeholder manager, please use the email addresses below or the 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

John Birchall - John.Birchall@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 their [website](#).

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.

6. Member Briefing - Achieving Quality Design 12:30pm Mon 17 Dec

Date: Monday 17 December

Time: 12:30pm to 2pm

Venue: Council Chamber

Briefing: A Planning briefing on achieving quality design.

Please contact Jane Green, Built and Natural Environment Manager on jane.green@scambs.gov.uk for more details.

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		
05/12/2018	Cambridge Independent	Calls for a review as chief finance officer is sacked	P9	CA article: Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
05/12/2018	Cambridge Independent	Villages left behind as city grows'	P9	GCP article
05/12/2018	Cambridge Independent	Cash for groups helping the aged	P19	
05/12/2018	Cambridge Independent	£500,000 loan will help complete city's ice rink	P20	
05/12/2018	Cambridge Independent	Cllr Bridget Smith column: ' We will listen when we ask for your views'	P29	
06/12/2018	Cambridge News	Protests warning over busway plan	P16 & P17	GCP article
06/12/2018	Planning Resource	Joint Cambridgeshire local plan to target zero carbon emissions by 2050	Link	Behind a paywall - unable to read full article
07/12/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Sarah Cheung Johnson interviewed about community aspects of Northstowe	Scroll to 40" in	
09/12/2018	BBC Sunday Politics East	Cllr Pippa Heylings interviewed about zero carbon target	Link	
10/12/2018	Cambridge News online	It's a shambles' - People tell of A14 traffic nightmare at Tesco Bar Hill	Link	Cllr Bunty Waters quoted
11/12/2018	Cambridge News	Road's £6m remodelling is approved	P9	GCP article
11/12/2018	Cambridge Network Online	Could regeneration deliver a low carbon community on the edge of Cambridge?	Link	
11/12/2018	Cambridge Network Online	New jobs and homes proposed at expanded Wellcome Genome Campus	Link	
11/12/2018	Cambridge News online	This is what Highways England had to say about angry A14 drivers stuck at Tesco Bar Hill	Link	Cllr Bunty Waters quoted
11/12/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	PM bulletins: Cambridge Northern Fringe area action plan	N/A	
11/12/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer interviewed on drive about Cambridge Northern Fringe	Scroll to 1'20" in	
12/12/2018	Cambridge News	How can we beat city congestion	P11	GCP article

12/12/2018	Cambridge News	Anger as new junction causes big tailbacks	P14	Cllr Bunty Waters quoted
12/12/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Bunty Waters interviewed about congestion issues in Bar Hill following A14 junction change by Highways England as part of road upgrade	Scroll to 1'20" in	

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.

Thursday 6 December: *BBC Online*: [Councils' funding announcement delayed](#)

The Government has postponed announcing the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement because of the Brexit debate going on in the Commons.

Saturday 8 December: *Mail*: [Food Safety](#)

A review by the Food Standards Agency found councils are carrying out fewer than half of the checks on food businesses that are needed.

Wednesday 12 December: *Telegraph*: [Recycling levels have almost stalled](#)

Levels of household rubbish being recycled in England have virtually stalled, making the UK unlikely to meet targets on recycling by 2020, figures from Defra show.

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 5 DECEMBER 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. 2018-19 Quarter 2 Position Statement: Performance, Finance and Risk

Cabinet reviewed the provisional forecast outturn position, together with the performance indicator results, set out in the report and appendices, and identified the following actions:

- Risk Register to be updated
- The underspend in the Planning Service to be addressed so as to prevent staffing levels becoming a risk to the Council
- Explore the possibility of 'upskilling' Technical Support Officers to deal with straightforward planning applications
- Focus on training and retaining staff

This decision was first published on Tuesday 11 December and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Tuesday 18 December.

11. Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy

Cabinet agreed to submit the Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy to public consultation.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 11 December and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Tuesday 18 December.

DECISIONS 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>

12. Variation of Scheme of Executive Delegation

Please find attached three amendments to the Constitution, agreed by the Leader, to delegate authority to the Director of Housing. These are reported for information.

OTHER INFORMATION

13. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Grants Advisory Committee 13 December](#)
- [Scrutiny & Overview Committee 18 December](#)

Decisions

- [Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board 6 December](#)
- [Cabinet 5 December](#)

Minutes

- [Grants Advisory Committee 27 November](#)
- [Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly 15 November](#)

14. SCDC Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Paul Cassidy
Job Title: Refuse Loader
Date started: 10 December 2018

Name: Beverley Childs
Job Title: Executive Support Assistant
Date started: 3 December 2018

Name: Allan Drew
Job Title: Refuse Loader
Date started: 26 November 2018

Name: Sherain Messenger
Job Title: Financial Systems Accountant
Date started: 3 December 2018

Name: Amanda Smith
Job Title: Benefits Customer Resource Officer
(Previously called Customer Services Assistant)
Date started: 3 December 2018



Staff who have left/will be leaving

Name: Anelise Bull
Job Title: Commercial Waste Business Support Officer
Date left: 6 December 2018

Name: Alex Colyer
Job Title: Executive Director – Corporate Services
Date leaving: 31 December 2018

Agenda Item 4

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 10th to Friday 14th (five nights)

- 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

- A428 eastbound Madingley to A14 eastbound Fen Ditton junction 34

Motorway traffic will travel south on the M11, east on A505 and north on A11 to re-join the A14. Non motorway traffic will be diverted on local roads through Cambridge.

- M11 junction 14 exit slip

- A14 westbound between Six Mile Bottom junction 36 and Girton junction 31

Motorway traffic will travel south on the A11, west on the A505 and then north on the M11.

Non motorway traffic will be diverted on local roads through Cambridge

Monday 10th to Thursday 13th (four 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

Friday 14th 9pm to Monday 17th 5am

- A1 northbound between Brampton Hut and Alconbury

Vehicles will be diverted east on the A14, then north on the A14 link road to re-join the A1

Friday 14th 9pm to Sunday 16th 6pm

- Offord Road

Saturday 15th 7am to 6pm

- Oakington Road, Dry Drayton

Saturday 15th (one night)

- A14 eastbound between St Ives junction 26 and Bar Hill junction 29

Vehicles will be diverted south on the A1198 at junction 24 and then east on the A428 to re-join the A14 at junction 31

Sunday 16th (one night)

- M11 northbound junction 14 to A14 westbound Lolworth junction 28a

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

- A1307 outbound

For more information about this scheme, visit

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

Agenda Item 5

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

December 2018 to January 2019



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: Weekend closures on Offord Road continue in December and it will be closed during the day on 8 and 9 December, followed by a full weekend closure from the evening of Friday 14 to early on Monday 17 December, after which traffic is scheduled to move on to the new Offord Road Bridge.

Sections 4 & 5: Night closures have been required on the Cambridge Northern bypass to allow for hydro demolition work on the guided busway bridge. There will be further night closures associated with this work during December. To alleviate congestion at junction 33, Milton, we've re-sequenced our works temporarily, so that the westbound off-slip lane closure can be removed for the time being.

Construction Activities:

Section 1: Both A1 carriageways north and south of Brampton Hut are nearing completion. We are currently installing the gantry signs and the complex communication technology which connects them to the central of operations. The new signs will use the latest technology to display the most accurate information possible.

The surfacing of the southbound carriageway is complete and the northbound surface will be finished by the end of 2018. The local access road between Wooley Road and Ellington junction is on schedule for completion in early 2019 and will be connected to the junction later in 2019.

Section 2: The main earthworks at Ellington Junction are nearly complete and the beams of the Ellington Brook bridge are in place. It is now easier to see how the structure link together and the new A14 alignment crossing the A1 south of Brampton Hut. The new Buckden Road alignment and roundabout at Brampton Hut are in use and the adjacent underpass will be connected in early 2019. This will allow for the completion of the earthworks from the old Buckden Road towards the new RGO crossing.

The deck of the Great River Ouse viaduct which will carry the new road over the East Coast Main Line Railway (pictured in October) is now completely in place and ready

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for the first surfacing layers to be applied. All structural works should be finished by end of January 2019, by which time a total of 4,600m³ of concrete will have been set in place.



Section 3: Offord Road Bridge is on course to open to traffic before Christmas. Overnight and weekend closures will be necessary in December to prepare the bridge for traffic, including barrier installation and the final surfacing to connect to the existing road, (please see Traffic Management above). Work on Conington Road Bridge will continue in the New Year, with completion expected in the Spring. Earthworks are underway for the last new bridge at New Barns Lane Bridge for which construction will begin in the New Year.

November saw further progress on the new A14 road surface through this section, with around 16,500 m³ of cement-bound aggregate used on the foundation layers and 18,000 tonnes of asphalt laid.

Sections 4 and 5: The new overbridge at the Swavesey junction was opened to traffic during November. This allowed us to demolish the old bridge during a weekend closure on the 17 and 18 November. The operation was completed successfully several hours ahead of schedule. The removal of the bridge enables us to work on the new eastbound slip road onto the A14. The time-lapse footage of the demolition has been viewed more than 63,000 times. If you'd like to see this impressive feat of engineering, here's the link: [The Demolition of Swavesey Bridge](#)

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At Bar Hill we've constructed a temporary slip road for westbound traffic to access the A14. This will be in use from 10th December, allowing closure of the current slip road so we can continue working on the new Bar Hill junction.

Work on the new local access road running from Oakington Road to Huntingdon Road continues. We anticipate that this will be open to traffic by the end of 2018 and will enable improved access to Cambridge crematorium.

Following work on the central safety barrier and resurfacing on the Cambridge Northern by pass, we've started carriageway-widening activities. This includes hydro demolition work on a bridge that carries traffic over the guided busway. Once this activity is completed, we will modify the bridge to accommodate the two extra lanes of traffic.

Section 6 Huntingdon Works: Preparatory work continues, including archaeological excavations along the route of the Pathfinder Link road into Huntingdon. So far, these have revealed Romano-British and Medieval remains. There will be an open day at the Mill Common site on Saturday 8 December from 10am to 3pm, including free guided tours. A14 archaeologists will be on hand to answer questions about finds throughout the scheme and to show visitors some of the most recent discoveries. You can find out more [here](#).

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Community Engagement: The A14 Mobile Visitor Centre is now in hibernation and will resume visiting duties in the New Year. If you'd like to book a visit for 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 Samantha.kedie@thea14.com

End of Year Summary:

The project's half-way point was reached at the end of November and was covered enthusiastically by regional news teams, with BBC Look East visiting site to report on this milestone.

As a team, the 2,700 members of the A14 Integrated Delivery Team (IDT) and our supply chain partners have worked over 8 million hours to date. Our earthworks teams have moved 8 million cubic metres of earth across the site, equivalent to more than three Great Pyramids of Giza. Nine new bridges will have opened to traffic by the end of the year and we're busy constructing another 25.

Over the last two years our team has delivering extensive protection for the environment and this will continue as the project progresses. Around 866,000 plants from 50 different species will be replanted along the new A14 and we'll be planting two trees for every one felled. We've also used cleared vegetation within the local community for energy production.

We continue to support local charities and good causes. So far 30 local projects have received a total of £330,000 from the A14 Community Fund and we've raised more than £60,000 for local charities.

In partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council, a £3.5 million programme of works has been agreed to build new pedestrian, cyclist and horse rider routes. This is in addition to the 13 miles which are provided as part of the scheme. Funding has also been secured to support four local flood prevention projects. Communities have engaged with the project thanks to the team's mobile visitor exhibition centre attending 70 events, reaching around 5,000 people.

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A14 Archaeology Nominated for 'Rescue Project of the Year' Award:



We're excited to report that the project has been nominated by Current Archaeology Magazine for a prestigious award. The discoveries made on the project, some dating from 130,000 years ago, have captured the interest of the national and international press as well as the communities of Cambridgeshire, with many residents joining our summer digs.

The awards are voted for entirely by the public, so if you've been as excited and amazed by the discoveries as we have, we'd be so pleased to have your vote

The award category in which we've been nominated is 'Rescue Project of the Year'

Here's the link to vote: [A14 - A Landscape Revealed - Mola Headland Infrastructure](#)

Voting closes on 11 February 2019 and winners will be announced at the special awards ceremony on 8 March at Current Archaeology Live! 2019.

A14 Archaeology will be featured on 'The One Show' on BBC1, on Friday 7 December.



Thank you for your continued interest in the project and we look forward to keeping you informed in 2019.

**Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year
from the A14 team.**



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Agenda Item 12

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL VARIATION OF SCHEME OF EXECUTIVE DELEGATION

To: Chief Executive – Beverly Agass
From: Leader of the Council – Bridget Smith

Signed: **Bridget Smith**

Dated: 23.11.18

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Part 3, Responsibility for Executive Functions I am writing to inform you of the change I wish to make to refine the allocation of functions and responsibilities as set out in Table 2B within the Constitution. The change to take immediate effect upon subsequent written notification to all Members is detailed below.

Delegated authority to be given to: Lead Cabinet Member for Housing / Director of Housing

Delegation: To approve decisions of the Director of Housing to enter in contract and progress to completion new build schemes to provide affordable council homes within set budget (with the agreement of the Section 151 Officer). Substituted sites within overall budget parameters are permitted and form part of this delegation

Reasons for Delegation	
1.	This is a new delegation to clarify and complement current Table 2B delegation 69. This simply clarifies that the Lead Cabinet Member and Director of Housing can progress new build schemes for affordable housing, clarifying the phrase "off the shelf" currently contained in delegation 69.
2.	It also clarifies that potential new build sites that may have originally been notified to Cabinet and Council via the HRA Business Case as being in the new build "pipeline" that are not subsequently progressed (for example due to lack of planning permission, or value-for-money considerations) may be replaced by alternative, suitable sites, as along as the overall "pipeline" remains within budget.
Background	
4.	Following appointment of the Director of Housing, Health & Environment, a review of delegations has been undertaken by the new Director with the Deputy Monitoring Officer to update delegations and provide clarity and consistency of approach.
5.	This new delegation does not practically increase or change the current delegations to the Lead Cabinet Member and Housing Director. While Delegation 69 could have been amended, a new delegation to clarify arrangements is considered more open and transparent. Delegation 69 for "off the shelf" developments remains appropriate and is not changed.
6.	The new delegation also clarifies that substitute sites can be added when sites are unable to be progressed as long as this is within the overall budget set out in the HRA business case. This is an operational clarification.

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Delegation: To approve decisions of the Director of Housing (with the agreement of the Section 151 Officer) to approve purchase of land within budget, subject to planning approval.

Reasons for Delegation	
1.	This variation to the existing delegation tidies up and provides consistency of approach by removing the previous £250k limit for Section 151 Officer agreement such that all purchases of land now require both the Director of Housing and Section 151 Officer agreement.
Background	
4.	Following appointment of the Director of Housing, Health & Environment, a review of delegations has been undertaken by the new Director with the Deputy Monitoring Officer to update delegations and provide clarity and consistency of approach.
5.	This minor amendment provides consistency of approach and ensures full-budgetary oversight by the s151 officer.

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Delegated authority to be given to: Lead Cabinet Member for Housing / Director of Housing

Delegation: To approve decisions of the Director of Housing to agree the sale of land, subject to an annual limit of £2m, and subject to planning approval and provision of quarterly performance monitoring data to Cabinet.

Reasons for Delegation	
1.	With land values in the District rising and a planned increase in sales of 100 self-build plots identified in the self-build business case approved by Cabinet in July 2017, it is proposed to increase the current £1m cumulative financial limit of the Lead Cabinet Member and Director of Housing delegation to £2m in any financial year, subject to the provision of performance monitoring data to Cabinet each quarter as part of the Corporate Performance Monitoring Framework. This will support the efficient delivery of the HRA MTFS business plan and reduce the need to produce extra, formal reports to Cabinet for approval, thus ensuring officer time is focused on marketing and selling assets to achieve a "best value" receipt to the HRA.
Background	
4.	Following appointment of the Director of Housing, Health & Environment, a review of delegations has been undertaken by the new Director with the Deputy Monitoring Officer to update delegations and provide clarity and consistency of approach.
5.	The current HRA Asset Sustainability Policy (Disposals and Acquisitions)[Supplementary document to the Asset Management Strategy] Published Sept 2013 delegates authority to the Lead Cabinet Member for Housing to approve decisions of the Housing Director to agree cumulative HRA asset sales up to £1m in any one financial year. This variation increases that limit to £2m, after which decisions would be referred to Cabinet.
6.	It is anticipated that HRA asset sales in 2018-19 and 2019-20 (and potentially beyond) will be between £2m - £3.5m. Currently there are 25 potential plots being progressed, as set out in the HRA MTFS presented to Cabinet and Scrutiny in November 2018. The proposed variation to increase the delegation limit to £2m for the Lead Cabinet Member and Housing Director reflects this ambitious programme of self-build and other HRA work to deliver new housing.

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