

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 9 JANUARY
2019**



**South
Cambridgeshire
District Council**

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 10 January to Friday 25 January 2019

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 10 Jan				
Fri 11 Jan	2pm	Licensing (2003 Act) Sub-Committee - POSTPONED		
Mon 14 Jan				
Tue 15 Jan				
Wed 16 Jan	10:30am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 17 Jan	10am	Employment & Staffing Committee	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
Fri 18 Jan				
Mon 21 Jan				
Tue 22 Jan	5pm	Scrutiny and Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Wed 23 Jan				
Thu 24 Jan				
Fri 25 Jan				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2. Planned Road Closures Week Commencing 7 January - A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

Please find attached road closures information for week commencing 7 January, 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
John Birchall - John.Birchall@theA14.com

Please note: Jon Lewell has now left the project

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.

3. Demonstration of New Customer Portals to District Councillors

Please note that two identical sessions have been arranged to demonstrate the new customer portal to district councillors.

Date: Monday 14 January 2019

Location: Swansley Room

Time: 2pm to 3pm

& 6pm to 7pm

Description: We have recently purchased a new customer portal that will allow customers to create secure accounts and do everything, online, under one roof. They can report, apply and pay for Council services online. The portal will be able to track requests which means customers can see the progress of their eForms. The contact service will be able to use this to keep all customer contact in one place, which will make life easier for the contact service. Please come along and have a look at the new portal, called mysouthcamps.

The sessions will be facilitated by Sonia Constant: sonia.constant@scamps.gov.uk

GENERAL INFORMATION

4. 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		
02/01/2019	ITV News	New Years Honours in the Anglia region	Link	OBE for Cllr Grenville Chamberlain
02/01/2019	Cambridge News	What does 2019 have in store for local politics?	P10	Mentions CA / GCP
02/01/2019	Cambridge Independent online	Cambridgeshire high in recycling league	Link	Cllr Neil Gough quoted
02/01/2019	Cambridge Independent	County high in recycling league	P5	
02/01/2019	Cambridge Independent	Public asked for its views on housing challenge	P6 & P7	
02/01/2019	Cambridge Independent	Unfolding the city's future	P20	Mentions CA / GCP
02/01/2019	Cambridge Independent	Cllr Bridget Smith column: Just a few of the reasons why we're a bit different	P22 & P23	
02/01/2019	Cambridge Independent	Poo power could remain central to low-carbon plan	P23	Opinion from Anne Miller of Carbon Neutral Cambridge
02/01/2019	ITV News	Report on Carbon-neutral motion at	14'40	Clips of Cllr Pippa Heylings and Tom

	Anglia	Council	in	Horn
03/01/2019	ITV News Anglia online	Aiming to be Britain's first carbon-neutral council	Link	Clips of Cllr Pippa Heylings and Tom Horn
04/01/2019	Cambridge Independent online	Public asked for views on housing 'challenges'	Link	
04/01/2019	Cambridge Independent online	Next steps for north east fringe development on Cambridge water works site	Link	
04/01/2019	Farmers Weekly online	Farmer hits out after fly-tippers blight Christmas	Link	
07/01/2019	Cambs Times online	Cambridgeshire County Council promises to respond to multiple questions over how Tory deputy leader became a tenant farmer - and member champion for 200 council owned farms	Link	Mentions granting of planning permission by SCDC
08/01/2019	Royston Crow online	One for the road? The Simpsons graffiti appears on A505 pub	Link	Mentions planning application currently in to SCDC

5. 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 3 January 2019, iNews Online: [Fewer houses will be built this decade than at any time since the Second World War](#)

The Centre for Policy Studies has found that house building figures have fallen each decade over the last 50 years.

Sunday 6 January 2019, BBC Online: [Next stage of Universal Credit rollout delayed](#)

The next stage of the Universal Credit rollout appears to have been delayed.

Sunday 6 January 2019, Observer: [Social Housing report calls for massive overhaul of tenants' rights](#)

The Social Housing Commission will this week warn that sweeping new powers need to be given to social tenants as part of an overhaul needed to ensure a Grenfell-style disaster never happens again.

Tuesday 8 January 2019, Express Online: [Universal credit "will go ahead despite delays"](#)

Work and Pension Secretary Amber Rudd said the transfer of three million benefit claimants to Universal Credit will go ahead as planned, despite delaying a vote in the Commons in the face of cross-party opposition.

Wednesday 9 January 2019, BBC Online: [Paupers' funerals cost councils nearly £5.4m in a year](#)

Almost £5.4 million was spent by councils across the UK on paupers' funerals, according to a Freedom of Information request.

6. 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 WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY 2019



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'](#).

7. Non Domestic Rates Discretionary Relief Policy

The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance agreed the revisions to the existing policy that reflect changes announced by Central Government in the Budget on 29 October 2018.

This decision was first published on Monday 7 January and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 14 January at 5pm.

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/the-council/access-to-information/access-to-information-summary/>

OTHER INFORMATION

8. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Planning Committee 16 January 2018](#)
- [Employment and Staffing Committee 17 January 2018](#)

Decisions

- [Non Domestic Rates Discretionary Relief Policy](#)

Minutes

- [Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board 6 December 2018](#)
- [Employment and Staffing Committee 7 December 2018](#)
- [Planning Committee 12 December 2018](#)

Plans

- [Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

9. SCDC Starters and Leavers



Staff who have left/will be leaving

Name: Jonathan Brookes
Job title: Principal Urban Designer
Date leaving: 22 January 2019