

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 30 JANUARY
2019**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 31 January to Friday 15 February

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 31 Jan				
Fri 1 Feb	2pm	Licensing (2003 Act) Sub-Committee	Swansley Room B	Victoria Wallace
Mon 4 Feb	3pm	Climate & Environment Advisory Committee	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
Tue 5 Feb				
Wed 6 Feb	9:30am	Cabinet	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 7 Feb				
Fri 8 Feb				
Mon 11 Feb				
Tue 12 Feb	11:15am	South Cambs CDRP Board Stakeholder Event	Storey's Field Centre, Cambridge	Patrick Adams
Wed 13 Feb	10:30am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 14 Feb				
Fri 15 Feb				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme - Leaflet on upgrading A14 to a motorway

Please find attached a leaflet from Highways England on the proposal to upgrade the A14 between Cambridge to Huntingdon into a motorway.

3. A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme: Week Commencing 28 January

Please find attached road closures information for week commencing 28 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

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 the [website](#).

4. Community Right to Bid - Assets of Community Value - Rampton Free Church

The Council has received the following nomination:

In Rampton - Rampton Free Church Mission Hall
The Council will make its decision by 20 March 2019

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

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/community-right-bid>

5. Community Right to Bid - Assets of Community Value - Black Horse Pub in Rampton

The Council has received the following nomination:

In Rampton - The Black Horse Public House, Rampton
The Council will make its decision by 21 March 2019

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

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/community-right-bid>

6. Stopping Scams in Just Five Simple Steps

Please find attached a document from the Cambridgeshire And Peterborough Against Scams Partnership (CAPASP) on how parish councils can protect local residents from scams.

7. Local Policing Review - Statement from Inspector Paul Rogerson

As many of you will know in April 2018 Cambridgeshire Constabulary underwent a wholesale reorganisation, referred to as the "Local Policing review" or LPR. The community teams which previously covered Huntingdonshire, South Cambs, East Cambs and Cambridge City merged but continue to have local presence and focus led by a local Sergeant. These Geographical officers are supported by a larger enforcement team called "CAT", the Community Action Team.

The LPR has caused the Constabulary to review many of its processes, including how we engage with communities. Our previous commitment in South Cambs (providing seven quarterly panel meetings) is no longer something the Constabulary can maintain. For this reason we have explored new ways to ensure we understand communities and residents can have their say on local police issues.

Moving ahead the local teams, led in South Cambs by Sgts Jon Capes and Emma Hilson will undertake a new approach.

- Closer working relationships with Parish representatives, District and County Councillors. This began in October with a full Council briefing to elected District representatives. Work will continue with a Parish workshop in March 2019. A key part of this is that we need Parishes to take a lead, and ensure matters of serious concern are fed back to Police (directly to your local Sgt).
- Online surveys commissioned on a quarterly basis (this includes a general and "youth specific" survey). Surveys will help local police teams gather views from a much larger audience including our minority and vulnerable communities. We recognise that some communities, the elderly for example, do not have direct access to online facilities. To ensure we are capturing the views of all our residents we will run separate more traditional forms of targeted engagement work to complement the online survey.
- In partnership with Parish, District and County elected members, community meetings

can be called where and when they are needed to discuss specific issues with the local police team. A recent good example of this is in Willingham where police teams met with residents to address serious concerns about crime levels.

- Where areas of serious concern are identified Police will, in partnership with other agencies, commission a public action plan, an example of which can be found here.
- Your local team will commit to holding regular police surgeries three times a month.

We believe this revised approach will help create stronger relationships with South Cambs residents. I do appreciate we are asking more of our elected members. However, I believe you are the right people to speak for your communities. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Inspector Paul Rogerson

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.

8. LGA Health & Wellbeing Workshop Thu 31 Jan - All Day

Date: Thursday 31 January
Time: 9:15am to 3:30pm
Venue: Council Chamber
Event: LGA Health & Wellbeing Workshop

9. Local Transport Plan on Thu 21 Feb at 10am

District Councillors are invited to attend a briefing on the development of the Local Transport Plan to be held on Thursday, 21 February 2019 commencing at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, South Cambridgeshire Hall.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is now responsible for producing the Local Transport Plan (previously it was produced by the County Council). Officers from the Combined Authority, and a representative from the CPCA's transport consultants, Steer, will provide a briefing on the development of the Local Transport Plan, including timescales for public consultation and adoption.

GENERAL INFORMATION

10. 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		
23/01/2019	Cambridge News	MP Heidi made pledges to the wider public	P21	Letter from Cllr Deborah Roberts
23/01/2019	Cambridge Independent	Focus on creative businesses in new city quarter'	P21	Cambridge Northern Fringe
23/01/2019	Cambridge Independent	Over-65s offered fitness MOTs	P23	
24/01/2019	Cambridge Independent online	Plans for apart-hotel at new district Eddington in Cambridge take a step forward	Link	JDCC. Cllr John Williams and Cllr de Lacey quoted
24/01/2019	Cambridge Independent online	Housing associations present new electrical safety code to parliament	Link	Behind paywall. Unable to read full article. SCDC mentioned
25/01/2019	Cambridge News	Cycle parking plan pushes new city hotel a step closer	P13	JDCC. Cllr John Williams and Cllr de Lacey quoted
25/01/2019	Cambridge Independent online	Mayor James Palmer defends £16k private ball	Link	Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer quoted
26/01/2019	Cambridge Independent online	Cambridge City Council slams claims it has 'lost control' of bin collections	Link	Mentions shared waste service
28/01/2019	Cambridge News	Stop trashing our bin service	P1 & P6	Mentions shared waste service
28/01/2019	Cambridge News	County's bus service in need of an overhaul	P9	Combined Authority article
29/01/2019	Cambridge News	Residents asked to have their say on 'varsity line' plan	P3	
29/01/2019	Cambridge News	Mayor defends inaugural event	P6	Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer quoted
29/01/2019	BBC News online	East-West rail link: New stations considered for Bedford to Cambridge	Link	Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer quoted
29/01/2019	Cambridge Network online	Communities urged to have their say on Cambridge-Oxford rail link	Link	

11. 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.

Saturday 26 January, *Huffington Post*: [Opinion: Funding for public services](#)

Jonathan Carr-West, Chief Executive of the Local Government Information Unit says a rethink on the funding of public services is urgently needed ahead of the Fair Funding Review and the removal of the central grant for councils from 2020.

Sunday 27 January, *Observer*: [Council commercial investments](#)

Central government funding reductions are leading to councils across England to adopt a more expansive investment strategy.

Monday 28 January, *Telegraph*: [High bin charges blamed for rise in fly-tipping](#)

The Woodland Trust has said councils are causing fly-tipping by charging more to collect household waste.

Tuesday 29 January, *BBC Online*: [Brexit: Local councils to receive £56.5m](#)
Councils in England will receive £56.5 million to help them deal with Brexit, Local Government Secretary James Brokenshire has said.

Wednesday 30 January, *Daily Mail*: [Church of England backs Spring Clean Campaign](#)
The Mail's spring clean campaign, which it hopes will have 500,000 volunteers pledged to clear litter between 22 March and 23 April.

12. 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 23 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'](#).

13. Granting of a Lease to Break

The Lead Cabinet Member for Housing **AGREED** to lease 5 Chapel Close, Waterbeach to the charity Lease.

This decision was first published on Wednesday 23 January and so the deadline for call-in is

5pm on Wednesday 30 January.

14. Service Support Grants 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22

The Lead Member for Finance **AGREED** the recommendations made by the Grants Advisory Committee on 25 January 2019.

This decision was first published on Monday 28 January, but with the recommendations from December's Grants Advisory Committee. This error has been rectified and the recommendations have been replaced with those from January's Grants Advisory Committee. The deadline for call-in is now is 5pm Wednesday 6 February.

15. Cambridge Northern Fringe Area Action Plan Issues and Options 2 - Post Cabinet Changes

The Deputy Leader of Council **AGREED** to the schedule of changes to the Issues and Options 2 document.

This decision was first published on Friday 25 January and so the deadline for call-in is Friday 1 February at 5pm.

16. Farmland Museum: Proposed Funding Agreement 2019/20-2021/22

The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance agreed to the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Committee.

This decision was first published on Monday 28 January and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 4 February 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

17. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Climate & Environment Advisory Group 4 February](#)
- [Cabinet 6 February](#)

Decisions

- [Cambridge Northern Fringe Area Action Plan Issues and Options – Post Cabinet Changes](#)
- [Farmland Museum: Proposed Funding Agreement 2019/20-2021/22](#)
- [Service Support Grants 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22](#)

Minutes

- [Cabinet 9 January 2019](#)

18. SCDC Starters and Leavers



Staff who have left/will be leaving

Name: Heather Adams
Job title: Executive Assistant
Date leaving: 15 February 2019

Name: Richard Alleyne
Job title: Neighbourhood Support Officer
Date leaving: 28 February 2019

Name: Sarah Lyons
Job title: Development Project Officer
Date leaving: 22 February 2019

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A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme

Development consent order amendment to make the A14 a motorway



We want the A14 upgrade to be the safest and best road it possibly can be and we now have an opportunity to make our road even better.

This £1.5bn improvement scheme includes a major new bypass to the south of Huntingdon and upgrades to 21 miles of the A14. Once complete, it will boost the local and national economy and cut up to 20 minutes off journeys.

The scheme's development consent order (DCO) is its planning permission. When we began designing the scheme we did not think it would be a motorway so we submitted a DCO asking to build a trunk road. As a result, the DCO does not allow us to change the road from A-road to motorway.

Now that modern motorway standards coincide with the scheme we're building, it makes sense for the road to become a motorway, to get the safest and best road possible. England's motorways are among the safest roads in the world.

We are therefore now asking the Planning Inspectorate for an amendment to our DCO to allow us to make it a motorway. We anticipate the Secretary of State for Transport will give us a decision this year. We are still on schedule to open to traffic by December 2020.

Implications of the new A14 becoming a motorway

Because the scheme's design meets the current standards for a modern motorway we're not changing what we're building. The route stays the same and the junctions don't change.

What would change

- Applying motorway regulations
- Slow moving vehicles prohibited from motorway
- Blue signs instead of green
- Variable mandatory speed limits to help manage traffic when appropriate

What would stay the same

- The design and engineering of the road
- Safety refuges already designed-in
- Local roads and junctions stay the same
- Old A14 route declassified to become a local road
- Improved pedestrian, cycle, equestrian provisions already designed-in
- Open to traffic by December 2020
- Total scheme cost

The benefits of reclassifying the new A14 as a motorway:

Safety

Motorways are twice as safe as A-road dual carriageways and six times safer than single-carriageway roads. Our motorways are amongst the world's safest roads.

Journey speed and reliability

We designed the road to provide mile-a-minute journeys. Removing slow moving traffic such as farm vehicles and mopeds will improve journey times and further improve safety.

We have built new roads and paths for local traffic, pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders as part of the scheme.

Have your say

If you want to have your say about our proposal please contact the Planning Inspectorate. Our DCO amendment reference number is TR010018.

 <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon-improvement-scheme/>

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Agenda Item 3

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 28 to Wednesday 30 (three 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

Monday 28 January to Friday 1 February (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

- A14 westbound between Bar Hill junction 29 and Swavesey junction 28

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

- A14 eastbound between Swavesey junction 28 and Bar Hill junction 29

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

- A14 Girton junction 31 westbound to westbound loop

Thursday 31 January to Friday 1 February (two nights)

- A1 southbound between Brampton Hut and Buckden

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

Friday 1 9pm to Monday 4 5am

- A1 northbound Brampton village exit and entry slips
- A1 southbound Brampton village exit and entry slips

Brampton village will remain accessible via junction 22 of the A14

- Brampton Road

Saturday 2 6am to Monday 4 5am

- A1 northbound between Brampton Hut and Alconbury

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

For more information about this scheme, visit

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon-improvement-scheme-home/> or stay updated by following us on <https://twitter.com/a14c2h> and <https://en-gb.facebook.com/A14C2H/>.

Agenda Item 6



CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH
AGAINST SCAMS PARTNERSHIP

Spot Scams Stop Scams

Just five simple steps...

...is all it takes for your parish or town council to increase the protection of local residents from the **financial** and **emotional harm** caused by scams.

Our Against Scams Partnership urges you to follow these **5 quick-win** steps which will **increase the resilience** of your residents against scams and fraud.

1. **All councillors to become a 'Friend Against Scams'** by completing the 20 minute 'express' training at www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/Cambridgeshire
2. **Print and display scams awareness posters** on parish noticeboards and in key locations such as your village or town hall, schools, churches, pubs and post office.
3. **Promote the easy online Friends Against Scams training across your community** by including the online learning link on your parish council website, community Facebook page and in your local newsletters.
4. **Identify a local ScamChampion or Champions** to spread the word on how to spot a scam. This could include having a display of information, running their own Friends Against Scams training session, holding a drop-in advice session or anything else that you can think of.
5. **Distribute scams awareness materials to the most vulnerable members of your community** and those who cannot access the internet. Perhaps your ScamChampion could hand deliver leaflets, hand out information at coffee mornings or give it to the organisers of local community groups and local churches to share with their members.

We told you it was simple! If you have any questions, would like to discuss any of the suggested steps above or suggest other ways you can support, please do not hesitate to contact us. We'd love to hear from you

Anyone completing the training is eligible for a free Friends Against Scams pin badge – contact charlotte.homent@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Scams awareness materials are available from Charlotte Homent, contact details as above. NatWest Community Bankers offer a face-to-face Friends Against Scams training session. Contact bernadette.merry@natwest.com (Cambridgeshire) or mohammad.chauhan@natwest.com (Peterborough) to arrange or for more details.

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