

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY
2019**



**South
Cambridgeshire
District Council**

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 14 February to Friday 1 March

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 14 Feb				
Fri 15 Feb				
Mon 18 Feb				
Tue 19 Feb				
Wed 20 Feb	5:20pm	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Kathrin John
Thu 21 Feb	2pm	Council	Council Chamber	Kathrin John
Fri 22 Feb	10am	Grants Advisory Committee	Monkfield Room	Ian Senior
Mon 25 Feb				
Tue 26 Feb				
Wed 27 Feb	2pm	Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly	Guildhall, Cambridge City	Patrick Adams
Thu 28 Feb	9:30am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Fri 1 Mar	10:30am	Licensing (2003 Act) Sub-Committee	Monkfield Room	Victoria Wallace

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Community Right to Bid - Asset of Community Value - Greyhound Pub in Sawston

In Sawston - The Greyhound Public House

The Council has approved the listing of The Greyhound Public House as an Asset of Community Value until 11 February 2024

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:

<http://www.scams.gov.uk/community/community/community-rights/assets-of-community-value/>

3. A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon: Planned Road Closures

Please find attached road closures information for w/c 11 February, 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](#).

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.

4. Local Transport Plan: Thu 21 Feb 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

5. 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		
06/02/2019	Cambridge News	Council tax to rise following a 'chaotic' meeting	P14	County-focussed. Mentions SCDC budget to be set this month
06/02/2019	Cambridge Independent	Have a say on busway routes	P4	GCP article
06/02/2019	Cambridge Independent	Clr Bridget Smith column: Five-year plan to put heart into South Cambridgeshire	P28 & P29	
06/02/2019	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	PM bulletins: Waterbeach SPD adopted	N/A	
06/02/2019	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Clr Aidan Van de Weyer interviewed about adoption of Waterbeach SPD	5m in	
06/02/2019	Heart Cambridgeshire	PM bulletins: Waterbeach SPD adopted	N/A	
07/02/2019	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	AM bulletins: Waterbeach SPD adopted	N/A	
07/02/2019	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Coverage of Bourn Airfield planning application	45m in	Mentions planning application currently in to SCDC

07/02/2019	Cambridge Network online	Vision for new town north of Waterbeach confirmed	Link	
07/02/2019	Cambridge News online	This is what the new town north of Waterbeach will be like	Link	
07/02/2019	Built Environment Networking online	New town in Cambridge given approval by District Council's Cabinet	Link	Waterbeach SPD adoption
07/02/2019	Cambridge News online	Travellers at illegal Cambridgeshire site where more than 100 dogs were seized will soon be evicted	Link	
07/02/2019	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	PM bulletins: Plans to increase Council Tax on empty homes	N/A	
07/02/2019	ITV News Anglia: Late Edition February 2019	Coverage of Council Government funding	Link	
08/02/2019	Cambridge News	Updated plans are unveiled for new town at Waterbeach	P1 & P6	
08/02/2019	Cambridge News	Travellers to be moved after police seize 100 stolen dogs	P1 & P7	
08/02/2019	Cambridge Independent online	High Court injunction demands removal of illegally parked caravans in Willingham	Link	
11/02/2019	Cambridge Network online	Plans to increase Council Tax on empty homes move forward	Link	
11/02/2019	Cambridge Network online	Comment on huge regeneration opportunity on edge of Cambridge	Link	
12/02/2019	Cambridge 105 radio	CLlr Aidan Van de Weyer interviewed on breakfast about North East Cambridge issues and options	Link	
12/02/2019	Cambridge News online	Massive new Cambridge 'quarter' with up to 12,000 homes set to get primary school and nursery	Link	Wing development coverage
12/02/2019	Royston Crow online	Meet the graduate turned sheep farming entrepreneur who Cambs County Council rejected for the farm tenancy they offered to deputy leader Roger Hickford	Link	County-focussed. Mentions planning applications in to SCDC
13/02/2019	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	CLlr Neil Gough interviewed on breakfast about Government taxi licensing proposals	LIN K TBC 1'10" in	

6. 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 7 February, *Mail*: [LED streetlights](#)

Councils are making large savings on carbon emissions and energy bills from a switch to LED streetlights, research by Press Association shows.

Thursday 7 February, *BBC Online*: [Universal Credit and rent arrears](#)

The amount of outstanding rent owed to councils by tenants has increased by 27 per cent in four years, analysis by the BBC suggests.

Saturday 9 February, *Guardian Online*: [Labour unveils plan to give voice to Councils](#)

Labour has announced proposals for a new representative body for councils to give them a regular voice at Westminster and a direct say on policy.

Monday 11 February, *Telegraph*: [Majority of rural homes can't access 4G](#)

A report by Rural England has found that a third of rural households are unable to make a mobile phone call indoors and more than half unable to access 4G networks.

Tuesday 12 February, *Guardian*: [CCTV could be made mandatory in taxis](#)

Taxi and minicab drivers in England and Wales could be forced to install CCTV in their vehicles under government proposals to tighten up licensing laws and improve passenger safety.

Tuesday 12 February, *BBC Online*: [Bin collection complaints](#)

More than 1.8 million complaints were made to UK councils last year about waste not being collected from homes, according to Freedom of Information figures from 336 local authorities.

Tuesday 12 February, *Times*: [Planning appeal wait "could be cut by months](#)

The time it takes to resolve contentious planning appeals could be halved if the Government modernised outdated technology systems and employed more planning inspectors, according to a review of the system.

Wednesday 13 February, *Telegraph*: [Planning permission for phone boxes](#)

A landmark ruling by the High Court means the installation of new phone boxes can now be blocked by local authorities.

7. 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 6 FEBRUARY



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'](#).

8. Waterbeach Supplementary Planning Documents Adoption

Cabinet

1. noted the main issues raised in recent correspondence with the three statutory bodies (Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England) and in their responses to the SPD consultation in respect of sustainability appraisal and habitats regulations and the considerations as set out in the supplementary report from the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development (see Appendices A and B);
2. agreed responses to the representations received, and agreed the consequential changes to the draft SPD approved by Cabinet for consultation on 5 September 2018, as set out in the Consultation Statement;
3. adopted the Waterbeach New Town SPD, agreed by Cabinet on 5 September 2018 and as amended (see Appendices B and C); and
4. delegated to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with the Deputy Leader, the authority to make any editing changes prior to publication. Including to the figures and spatial framework diagram, to ensure consistency with the agreed text of the SPD.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 12 February and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Tuesday 19 February.

9. Organisational Change Policy and Procedure

Cabinet **AGREED** the adoption of the policy.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 12 February and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Tuesday 19 February.

10. Disability Confident Scheme

Cabinet:

- (a) Agreed that the Council should sign up to the Disability Confident scheme and commit to achieving level 1; and

(b) Agreed to establish a Member Task and Finish group to take forward a programme of work to enable the Council to achieve the requirements of the Disability Confident scheme.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 12 February and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Tuesday 19 February.

11. Cambourne High Street

Cabinet agreed not to progress the acquisition of the development outlined in the exempt report from the Interim Executive Director.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 12 February and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Tuesday 19 February.

12. Pooling of additional Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) Funding

The Lead Cabinet member for Housing

AGREED To approve the allocation of the additional DFG funding of £80,215 to Huntingdonshire District Council.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 12 February and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Tuesday 19 February.

13. Sell approximately 21.105sqm of Council Land at High Street Balsham

The Lead Cabinet member for Housing

AGREED To approve the sale of land at High Street, Balsham, to allow Mr & Mrs Hanlon to extend their parking arrangements that would allow them to put a second car onto their driveway.

This decision was first published on Friday 8 February and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Friday 15 February.

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

14. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Scrutiny & Overview Committee 20 February](#)

Decisions

- [Sale of land at High Street, Balsham](#)
- [Pooling of Disabled Facilities Grant funding](#)
- [Cabinet 6 February](#)

Minutes

- [Scrutiny & Overview Committee 22 January](#)

15. SCDC Starters and Leavers



Staff who have left/ will be leaving

Name: Katie Rea
Job title: Graphics Officer
Date left: 6 February 2019

Name: Sara Saunders
Job title: Planning Policy Manager
Date leaving: 28 February 2019