

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY
2019**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 21 February to Friday 8 March

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 21 Feb	2pm	Extraordinary Council	Council Chamber	Kathrin John
	3pm	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	Council Chamber	Democratic Services
Thu 28 Feb	9:30am	Extraordinary Planning Committee- POSTPONED		
Fri 1 Mar	10:30am	Licensing (2003 Act) Sub-Committee	Monkfield Room	Victoria Wallace
Mon 4 Mar				
Tue 5 Mar	10am	Civic Affairs Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
Wed 6 Mar	9:30am	Cabinet	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 7 Mar				
Fri 8 Mar				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Community Right to Bid - Assets of Community Value - Waggon & Horses Pub in Steeple Morden

The Council has received the following nomination:

In Steeple Morden - The Waggon & Horses Public House
The Council will make its decision by 9th April 2019.

Further information about the Community Right to Bid and Assets of Community Value can be found on our webpage:
<https://www.scambsgov.uk/community-right-bid>

3. Community Right to Bid - Assets of Community Value - Blue Ball, Green Man and Red Lion pubs in Grantchester

The Council has received the following nomination:

In Grantchester - The Blue Ball Public House, The Green Man Public House and The Red Lion Public House and Restaurant
The Council will make its decision by 8th April 2019.

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4. A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet - Preferred Route Announcement

Highways England announced the Preferred Route for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Scheme on Monday 18 February. Highways England has prepared a short booklet explaining the preferred route for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet scheme, the reasons for our decision and the results of the public consultation we held in spring 2017. It also gives details of what will happen next.

The booklet can be viewed: <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a428-black-cat-to-caxton-gibbet/results/a428blackcattocaxtongibbetwebpra.pdf>

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.

5. Member Workshop - Improving Homes

On Monday, 4th March 2019 at 4.00pm in the Council Chamber a Member workshop is being held to explore the role the Council can play in improving homes across the District. We know the importance that housing can play in promoting physical and mental health and wellbeing, as well as its role in terms of making South Cambridgeshire a 'greener' sustainable place to live; and we want to ensure that the resources we have available are targeted appropriately. With a new county-wide Repairs and Adaptations Policy being considered by Cabinet in April, this will give us flexibility to be more creative with the funding we have available. The workshop will be interactive, where you will have the chance to hear what we currently do, the role of the Home Improvement Agency and discuss opportunities for new projects.

Also, as part of the workshop and in the context of improving homes, we want to introduce the work beginning on refocusing our improvement plans for our own council stock. This will be a short session at the end of the workshop as a kickstart to developing a new Asset Management Strategy. It is envisaged that a further more detailed workshop will be held following this to help develop the Strategy.

If you wish to attend, please could you email julie.fletcher@scambs.gov.uk

GENERAL INFORMATION

6. 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	
13/02/2019	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Neil Gough interviewed on breakfast about Government tax	Scroll to

		licensing proposals	l'10" in	
13/02/2019	Cambridge Independent	Search begins for local plan land	P10	
13/02/2019	Cambridge Independent	Have your say on city's new district	P10	
13/02/2019	Cambridge Independent	Vision for new Waterbeach town wins approval	P10	
13/02/2019	Cambridge Independent	Double tax charge on empty homes	P11	
13/02/2019	Cambridge Independent	High Court injunction orders travellers to go	P16	
13/02/2019	Cambridge Independent	Shops, schools and play areas planned for Cambourne West	P19	
13/02/2019	Hunts Post online	New railway could link town to major cities	Link	
13/02/2019	Ely Standard online	Councillors go behind close doors to discuss mystery absence of chief executive Beverly Agass - public told they must wait eight days to hear more	Link	
13/02/2019	The MJ online	Chief's future hangs in balance	Link	Behind paywall. Unable to read full article.
13/02/2019	Local Government Chronicle	Chief's future at district in doubt	Link	
13/02/2019	Cambs Times online	Councillors go behind close doors to discuss mystery absence of chief executive Beverly Agass - public told they must wait eight days to hear more	Link	
13/02/2019	Cambridge News online	Mystery surrounds South Cambridgeshire chief executive's employment	Link	
14/02/2019	Cambridge News	Primary school for 400 children planned as part of Wing project	P3	
14/02/2019	Local Government Chronicle	Further friction as CA begins reform review	Link	CA-focussed article about local Government review. Cllr Bridget Smith quoted.
14/02/2019	Cambridge Independent online	Cambridge taxi driver banned from the business	Link	
15/02/2019	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Pippa Heylings interviewed about Council climate change aspirations	Scroll to l'10" in	
15/02/2019	Cambridge News	Council's secret meetings to 'discuss' chief exec's employment	P2	
15/02/2019	Cambridge News	Proposals for speed reductions an safer junctions put forward	P15	GCP article
16/02/2019	Cambridge Independent online	South Cambridgeshire District Council plan double tax charge on empty homes	Link	
18/02/2019	Cambridge Network online	Council boosts green credentials with waste depot solar panels	Link	
18/02/2019	Cambridge News	Letter: Confused by Lib Dem's policy on recycling	P19	
18/02/2019	Cambridge News online	Brand new 10-mile dual carriageway will bring joy to frustrated A428 commuters	Link	Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer quoted

19/02/2019	Cambridge News	New 10-mile dual carriageway will unclog the A428	P10	Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer quoted
19/02/2019	Cambridge Network online	Route unveiled for major new road and junction at Black Cat	Link	Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer quoted

7. 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 14 February, *BBC Online*: [Most English local authorities “plan to raise council tax”](#)
 Nearly all local authorities in England are planning to raise council tax in the coming year while vital services remain under pressure, according to a survey.

Thursday 14 February, *Independent*: [Government warned lack of Brexit planning risks unrest](#)
 More needs to be done by government to prevent panic-buying and civil unrest over Brexit, officials have warned.

Friday 15 February, *Mail*: [Recycling rates have stagnated](#)
 Recycling rates in the UK have stagnated for the fifth year in a row, with 45.7 per cent of waste recycled in 2017 – an increase of 1.6 per cent in 2013.

Saturday 16 February, *Mail*: [Gove to unveil bottle deposit scheme](#)
 The Environmental Secretary Michael Gove will next week unveil plans for “a recycling revolution” that includes a deposit return scheme for plastic bottles.

Sunday 17 February, *Sunday Telegraph*: [Waste and recycling overhaul](#)
 The Government is to set out plans this week for a major overhaul of waste and recycling in England.

Sunday 17 February, *Sunday Telegraph*: [Tree planting](#)
 Housebuilders are avoiding their duty to plant trees as part of new housing developments, prompting calls for planning rules to be changed.

Tuesday 19 February, *Huffington Post*: [Council job losses](#)
 The Huffington Post is exploring the impact of council job losses on community services and the local economy.

8. 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.

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

9. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Council 21 Feb at 2pm](#)
- [Council 21 Feb at 3pm](#)
- [Grants Advisory Committee 22 Feb](#)
- [Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly 27 Feb](#)
- [Licensing \(2003 Act\) Sub-Committee 1 Mar](#)

10. SCDC Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Bradley Perry
Job title: Business Support Officer (Ermine Street Housing)
Date started: 13 February 2019

Name: Kathryn Roberts
Job title: Executive Support Assistant (Planning)
Date started: 28 January 2019

Name: Marie Roseaman
Job title: Trainee Planner
Date started: 7 February 2019