

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY
2019**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 28 February to Friday 15 March

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
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	2.30pm	Licensing (2003 Act) Sub-Committee	Mezzanine	Victoria Wallace
Fri 8 Mar				
Mon 11 Mar				
Tue 12 Mar				
Wed 13 Mar	10:30am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 14 Mar	10am	Employment and Staffing Committee	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
Fri 15 Mar				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. The Big Lunch: Tackling Loneliness

As part of the Tackling Loneliness and strengthening communities workstreams, please find a link below about the "Big Lunch" event on 1-2 June 20-19:

<https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/thebiglunchhomepage>

This is an opportunity for communities to get together, regardless of age, religion or cultural belief.

3. Localised Council Tax Support Scheme for 2019/20

Following the approval of the Localised Council Tax Support Scheme for 2019/20 at Council on 21 February 2019, a copy of the Scheme has now been published and may be accessed by following this link:

<http://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s110341/Local%20Council%20Tax%20Support%20Scheme.pdf>

4. Notification of this week's A14 Road Closures

Please find attached road closures information for w/c 25 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](#)

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		
20/02/2019	Cambridge Independent online	Fulbourn man with £16,000 savings fined after claiming £6,215 in council tax support	Link	
20/02/2019	Cambs Times online	Tory leader in constituency of defecting MP Heidi Allen says they have 'in the past - and we will in the future - work with our MP for the benefit of our residents'	Link	Cllr Peter Topping and Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
20/02/2019	Cambridge News online	Could Heidi Allen's Tory party resignation mean a by-election for South Cambridgeshire	Link	Cllr Peter Topping and Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
20/02/2019	Cambridge News online	Developers have a 'gun to the council's head' in major Cambridge development plans	Link	Cllr Sarah Cheung-Johnson and Cllr John Williams quoted
20/02/2019	Cambridge News	Elite athletes scheme is to be scrapped	P3	
20/02/2019	Cambridge Independent	New route for A428 revealed	P6	Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer quoted
20/02/2019	Cambridge Independent	Out of office mystery of council boss	P7	
20/02/2019	Cambridge Independent	Olympians scheme to be scrapped	P7	
20/02/2019	Cambridge Independent	Benefit claimant had £16K savings	P10	
20/02/2019	Cambridge	Staff budget cut behind closed doors	P11	CA article

	Independent			
20/02/2019	Cambridge Independent	Milton Road redesign earns approval after major revision	P12	GCP article
20/02/2019	Cambridge Independent	Foxton station could be travel hub under level crossing bypass plans	P13	GCP article
20/02/2019	Cambridge Independent	Solar panels for waste service depot	P17	
20/02/2019	Cambridge Independent	Taxi driver barred for two months	P17	
20/02/2019	Cambridge News	Community up in arms over new homes plan	P4	
21/02/2019	Cambridge News	It's very difficult' says Tory group leader	P6	Cllr Peter Topping quoted
21/02/2019	Cambridge News	Political fallout begins after MP Heidi quits the Tories	P6 & P7	Cllr Peter Topping, Cllr Bridget Smith and Cllr Ian Sollom quoted
21/02/2019	Cambridge News	Should MP face by-election	P8	Cllr Heather Williams quoted
21/02/2019	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Peter Topping interviewed on breakfast show about Heidi Allen	13 mins in	
21/02/2019	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Bridget Smith interviewed on mid-morning about Heidi Allen	1h 30m in	
21/02/2019	The MJ online	Chief retires as leader demands change	Link	Behind paywall. Unable to read full article
22/02/2019	Cambridge News	Developers 'have a gun to council's head' over community facility building	P5	Cllr Sarah Cheung-Johnson and Cllr John Williams quoted
22/02/2019	Local Government Chronicle	Chief leaves with £200k pension contribution	Link	
22/02/2019	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	AM bulletins: Council Tax to rise following budget approval	N/A	
22/02/2019	Hunts Post online	£120,000 chief executive at South Cambs leaves with £220,000 pension pay out	Link	
22/02/2019	Public Sector Executive online	District council CEO takes early retirement with more than £200k pension contribution	Link	
22/02/2019	Cambs Times online	£12,000 chief executive at South Cambs leaves with £220,000 pension pay out	Link	
22/02/2019	Cambridge Network online	Council will be 'green to our core' as Business Plan and budget agreed	Link	
23/02/2019	Cambridge News online	How much will my Council Tax rise in April 2019? Search by postcode for your area	Link	
24/02/2019	Cambridge Independent online	Schools, shops, play areas and woodland planned for Cambourne west	Link	
25/02/2019	Cambridge News	What will the council tax rise mean for you?	P7	
25/02/2019	Cambridge Network online	Council Tax to increase on empty homes	Link	
25/02/2019	Let's Recycle.com	South Cambs goes solar	Link	
25/02/2019	Grantham Matters online	Bumper pay-off for ex-SKDC chief	Link	
26/02/2019	BBC Radio	Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer interviewed	Scrol	

	Cambridgeshire	about GCP choices for better journeys engagement	Link	
26/02/2019	Local Government Chronicle	CA mayor criticises Cambs chief pay out	Link	
26/02/2019	Ely Standard online	Scheme to encourage upcoming Olympians in Cambridgeshire to be scrapped	Link	
27/02/2019	Cambridge News	Combined authority's new chief executive to be revealed	P5	CA article
27/02/2019	Cambridge News	Should we introduce a congestion charge to tackle traffic troubles	P8	GCP article

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.

Tuesday 26 February, *iNews*: [Councils declare "Climate Emergency"](#)

Twenty seven councils in England and Wales have declared a "climate emergency" over carbon emissions following a landmark report calling for urgent action to prevent the devastating consequences of global warming.

Tuesday 26 February, *Times*: [Green spaces linked to better mental health](#)

Children who grow up in greener surroundings have a greatly reduced risk of developing mental illnesses later in life research suggests.

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 20 FEBRUARY 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'](#).

8. Pay Award 2019/2020

The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance

AGREED To apply a 2% increase on all pay points with effect from 1st April 2019 or the Living Wage rate (effective at 1 April 2019) of £9.00 per hour, whichever is the highest, with effect from 1st April 2019.

This decision was first published on Wednesday 27 February and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 6 March.

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

- [Civic Affairs Committee 5 March](#)
- [Cabinet 6 March](#)
- [Licensing \(2003 Act\) 7 March](#)

Decisions

- [Planning Committee 13 Feb](#)
- [Council 21 Feb 2pm](#)
- [Council 21 Feb 3pm](#)
- [Pay Award 2019/20](#)

Minutes

- [Cabinet 6 Feb](#)