

COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 2019

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 14 March to Friday 29 March

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 14 Mar	10am	Employment & Staffing Committee	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
Fri 15 Mar				
Mon 18 Mar				
Tue 19 Mar				
Wed 20 Mar	4pm	Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board	Council Chamber	Democratic Services
Thu 21 Mar	6pm	Scrutiny and Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Fri 22 Mar				
Mon 25 Mar	3pm	Climate & Environment Advisory Committee	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
Tue 26 Mar	9:30am	Audit & Corporate Governance Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
Wed 27 Mar				
Thu 28 Mar				
Fri 29 Mar	10am	Grants Advisory Committee	Monkfield Room	Ian Senior

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Information Event - Big lunch or Great Get Together 26 March 2019 - 11:00 to 13:00 - Huntingdon

As part of the Campaign to End Loneliness Cambridgeshire County Council are working together to encourage communities across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to host a Big Lunch <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/stuff-to-do/organise-big-lunch> or a Great Get Together <https://www.greatgettogether.org/> in June 2019. This is part of our #50000reasons campaign that was launched over Christmas to encourage people to reach out to isolated people in their community who may be experiencing loneliness.

The County Council will be holding an information session for those who would like to find out more about hosting a Big Lunch or Great Get Together, with tips on 'how to make it happen' as well as examples of successful events. The event will be held at on **26th March 2019 from 11:00 to 13:00** at:

The Assembly Room
Huntingdon Town Hall
Market Hill
Huntingdon
PE29 3PJ

If you would like to attend this event, please email Alex Parr on alex.parr@cambridgeshire.gov.uk to confirm your attendances, as places will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis.

The Big Lunch will be taking place on 1-2 June and The Great Get Together will be taking place on 21-23 June. Both national events provide a great opportunity to bring your neighbours

together, including those who might be more isolated, to share food, have fun and get to know each other better. We simply want to see as many events as possible organised by communities across our area.

If you are interested in hosting or supporting a community to host either a Big Lunch or Great Get Together or would like further information, please let Alex Parr know, as we would like to map all events that take place across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in June to celebrate kindness, respect and all we have in common.

3. Community Right to Bid - Assets of Community Value - Black Horse Pub and Free Church Mission Hall in Rampton

The Council has approved the re-listing of The Black Horse Public House and The Rampton Free Church Mission Hall as Assets of Community Value until 11 March 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/>

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. Working Effectively with Officers - Workshop for Members Mon 18 & Tue 26 March

District Councillors are invited to attend a workshop on "Working Effectively with Officers" in the Council Chamber, South Cambridgeshire Hall on one of the following dates:

- Tuesday, 26 March 2019 from 5.00pm to 8.00pm
- Monday, 18 March 2019 from 2.00pm to 5.00pm

This workshop has been designed for South Cambridgeshire District Council to mirror workshops provided for officers focussed on building effective relationships with Members.

It will provide an opportunity for Members to develop their understanding of the relationship; the ways in which they can develop their own working relationships with officers and to consider how the Council as a whole can develop this further.

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		
07/03/2019	Cambridge News	Grants to tackle loneliness	P20	Mobile Wardens Scheme funding
07/03/2019	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer interviewed about Council's East West Rail consultation response	1'20" in	
07/03/2019	Cambridge Network online	Council details Brexit priorities for local businesses	Link	
07/03/2019	Cambridge Network online	Council: East West Rail must benefit environment, residents and economy	Link	
08/03/2019	Cambridge News	New East-West rail link could be decided in days	P12 & P13	Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer quoted
12/03/2019	Local Government Chronicle	People news	Link	Mentions Chief Executive departure: Behind paywall, unable to read full article
13/03/2019	Cambridge Independent	East-West Rail route debate hits buffers	P6 & P7	
13/03/2019	Cambridge Independent	Resident calls in lawyers over new homes threat to his trees	P8	
13/03/2019	Cambridge Independent	Council rejects drone plan to fight fly-tipping	P17	

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.

Friday 8 March, *Mirror*: [Contaminated waste](#)

Nearly half a million tonnes of contaminated waste was placed by councils in landfill or incinerated last year, an investigation has found.

Friday 8 March, *Express Online*: [Council tax](#)

Council tax bills in England are set to go up by an average of 4.5 per cent from April.

Friday 8 March, *Times*: Opinion: [Sticking plaster won't save our services now](#)

Columnist Jenni Russell says austerity had laudable aims when it began but our social fabric risks being torn apart unless there is more spending soon.

Saturday 9 March, *Guardian*: [Austerity](#)

The *Guardian* looks at the impact of austerity on local government, social care, housing and an increase in homelessness.

Monday 11 March, *BBC Online*: [Businesses urged to tackle modern slavery](#)

Businesses aiming to secure public sector contracts will need to do more to help to improve society, such as tackle modern slavery, the Government is due to announce.

Tuesday 12 March, *Telegraph*: [Cut business rates to save high street, urges retailing boss](#)

High Street shop closures will continue unless business rates are cut, the head of the British Retail Consortium has warned.

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 6 MARCH 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. East-West Rail Bedford to Cambridge consultation response

The Deputy Leader agreed to approve the submission including revised wording reflecting the Cabinet minute from the meeting held on 6 March 2019.

This decision was first published on 11 March and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Monday 18 March.

9. 2018-19 Quarter 3 Position Statement: Performance and Finance

Cabinet reviewed and agreed the provisional forecast outturn position and the performance indicator results, and comments, and in-flight project updates in the report from the Head of Finance, and the appendices attached thereto.

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

10. Barriers to Council Procurement for SMEs Task and Finish Group findings

Cabinet

1. considered and approved, without amendments, the recommendations set out in paragraphs 11 to 34 of the report from the Interim Executive Director; and
2. requested that progress against any agreed recommendations be reviewed in 12 months' time.

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

11. Brexit Advisory Group Recommendations

Cabinet

- Approved the priorities for action agreed by the Brexit Advisory Group; and
- Directed officers to develop the priorities into detailed actions to be agreed with the Leader of the Council and implemented during 2019 or to be incorporated into the Council's developing plan, as outlined in the Council's Business Plan, to support the South Cambridgeshire economy and local businesses.

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

12. Organisational Change Policy and Procedure - For a Sustainable Future

Cabinet

- a) Noted the progress of the organisational review to date;
- b) Agreed the proposed approach to communicating the findings and recommendations of the consultant's report;
- c) Approved a budget of £40,000 to enable the organisational review to progress to the next phase of developing a programme plan;
- d) Approved the Leader as Programme Sponsor;
- e) delegated further decisions relating to the next phase to the Leader, in consultation with the Cabinet, Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer.

This decision was first published on 7 March and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Thursday 14 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

13. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board 20 March](#)
- [Employment & Staffing Committee 14 March](#)

Decisions

- [Civic Affairs Committee 5 March](#)
- [Cabinet 6 March](#)
- [Consultation on East-West Rail](#)

Minutes

- [Licensing \(2003 Act\) Sub-Committee](#)
- [Employment & Staffing Committee 13 February 2019](#)

Plans

- [Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

14. SCDC Starters and Leavers



Staff who have left

Name: Michele Hutton
Job Title: Contract Administrator
Leaving date: 30 April 2019