

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY 2019**

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**South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council**

**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 2 May to Friday 17 May**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 2 May				
Fri 3 May	11:59pm	Deadline for Questions for Council (No motions for Annual Council)		
Mon 6 May		Bank Holiday		
Tue 7 May	3pm	<a href="#">Climate &amp; Environment Advisory Committee</a>	Monkfield Room	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Wed 8 May	10:30am	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Thu 9 May	10am	<a href="#">Employment Committee</a>	Monkfield Room	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Fri 10 May				
Mon 13 May	10am	<a href="#">Planning Committee (Waterbeach New Town)</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Tue 14 May				
Wed 15 May				
Thu 16 May	2pm	<a href="#">Annual Council</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Kathrin John</a>
Fri 17 May				

**INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS**

**2. Traveller Encampments Advice**

As we approach Summer please could we take this opportunity to remind Parishes, particularly those previously affected, of the need to take appropriate measures to protect parish land such as car parks, recreation land etc. from illegal encampments. It is important to note the distinction between civil trespass and the criminal offence of damage which does not automatically give rise to section 61.

The Police have discretionary power under Section 61 and 62 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 which empowers the senior officer present to direct people to leave land if certain criteria are met.

The Police can also commence proceedings to move Travellers on if they are obstructing the public highway.

- Under Section 61 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, the police, at their discretion, can instruct trespassers, travellers or gypsies to leave land providing reasonable steps have been taken by, or on behalf of, the landowner to ask them to leave and that two or more persons are trespassing on the land with the common purpose of residing there.

Plus one of the following three conditions must also be met:

- if any of those persons has caused damage to the land or to property on the land; or
- used threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour towards the occupier, a member of his family or an employee or agent of his; or
- Those persons have between them six or more vehicles on the land

Please take a moment to acquaint yourself with the guidance found on our website here <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/housing/gypsy-and-traveller-information/>

**3. Cambourne Science Festival 2019**

Cambourne Science Festival has created a unique platform where we have children demonstrating and explaining their homemade Science Projects to the public. The young budding scientists aged 5 years to 16 years take initiatives to engage with the public by demonstrating and answering the questions. The festival is well attended by over 500 visitors. Around 36 children came along with their projects in 2016, 64 children exhibited their projects in 2017 and last year we had 72 children. We have children from London, Manchester and Cambridgeshire town and villages. Our mission is to provide students with a gateway to cultivate students' inquisitive nature, exercise innovation, think critically, and collaborate to become tomorrow's innovators who are self-sufficient learners.

Cambourne Science Festival is free to the public and is organised by CamCare UK, which is a "non-profit" charity registered in England. We acknowledge the support of Cambourne Parish Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council to conduct this annual festival.

This Science Festival is a service to the local community and its positive impact is felt by many enthusiast parents and children in our local community. We request you to help us inspire the next generation by encouraging the children and disseminating the information about the event in your ward and local community.

Please find attached the poster of the Festival.

Kind regards,  
Shrobona Bhattacharya PhD MSc BSc  
Cambourne Science Festival Organiser  
CamCare UK

**4. Community Right to Bid - Assets of Community Value**

The Council has received the following nomination:  
In Barlow – The Three Hills Public House, Bartlow  
The Council will make its decision by 18 June 2019

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

**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 Briefing on Bourn Airfield SPD**

Event: Briefing on Bourn Airfield Supplementary Planning Document  
Date: Thursday 9 May  
Time: 3pm to 5pm  
Venue: Council Chamber

## 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		
24/04/19	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	AM bulletins: Bin lorry recruitment campaign	N/A	
24/04/19	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Report on our bin lorry recruitment campaign and Cllr Neil Gough interviewed	<a href="#">9 mins in</a>	
24/04/19	Cambridge Independent	High impact of airfield homes	P23	Article about Bourn Airfield plans
24/04/19	Room151 online	Doubts over shared service benefits prompt finance plan U-turn	<a href="#">Link</a>	
24/04/19	BBC Look East	Proposals for Northstowe town centre revealed (Cllr Bridget Smith interviewed about need for facilities to support health)		
24/04/19	The Times	Council tax arrears (SCDC mentioned as having lowest arrears in the country)	P8	
25/04/19	Cambridge News online	Pictures reveal what new Northstowe development could look like	<a href="#">Link</a>	
26/04/19	Cambridge Network online	Proposals to help communities target zero carbon announced	<a href="#">Link</a>	
26/04/19	Cambridge News	Plans for Northstowe town centre revealed	P3	
28/04/18	BBC Sunday Politics East	Cllr Bridget Smith interviewed on elections	<a href="#">Link</a>	
29/04/19	Public Sector Executive online	Shaping healthy places with district councils	<a href="#">Link</a>	
30/04/19	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Bridget Smith interviewed about gender pay gap - SCDC results show positive result compared to all other public bodies in Cambridgeshire	<a href="#">10 mins in</a>	
01/05/19	The Times	Correction: South Cambridgeshire District Council described as Conservative controlled in article on 24 April, the Council has a significant Liberal Democrat majority since May 2018		
01/05/19	Cambridge Independent	Council to consider spending £1m on revamp	P8 & P9	
01/05/19	Cambridge Independent	Huawei hosts exhibition of plans	P9	

01/05/19	Cambridge Independent	Residents wars traffic estimates 'do not stand up'	P23	Bourn Airfield article
01/05/19	Cambridge Independent	Cllr Bridget Smith column: A fund to help communities tackle climate change	P28 & P29	

## 7. Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)



### Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)

The Local Government Association provides a list of news headlines relevant to its members. Please click the headlines below for more details.

Thursday 25 April, *BBC Online*: [Short-term lets](#)

Councils are calling for properties available to book on Airbnb to be licensed by setting up a registration scheme for hosts.

Thursday 25 April, *BBC Online*: [Foodbanks help record numbers](#)

The UK's biggest food bank network, The Trussell Trust, gave 1.6 million packs of food supplies in the past year, a 19 per cent rise on last year.

Friday 26 April, *BBC Online*: [Council tax arrears](#)

According to Citizens Advice, someone missing an average council tax payment of £167 in the first month of the financial year could potentially see the size of their debt rise to around £2,065 in just nine weeks.

Friday 26 April, *Guardian Online*: ["Not enough" women and minorities stand in council elections](#)

A census suggests that 96% per cent of councillors are white and two thirds are male.

Tuesday 30 April, *BBC Online*: [Voter ID trial at local elections is a waste of time, say campaigners](#)

Voter impersonation comprised just 3 per cent of all alleged electoral offences at last year's council elections, according to campaigners who have said that an extended trial of compulsory voter ID at Thursday's local polls is counter productive.

Tuesday 30 April, *Telegraph*: [Wash your foil to clean up recycling rates, say councils](#)

Householders are being encouraged to wash their tin foil after it was found to be the least recycled "recyclable" item.

Tuesday 30 April, *BBC Online*: [Climate change: Electric car target 'needs to be sooner'](#)

The Committee on Climate Change is calling for the Government's plan to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2040 to be introduced a full decade earlier.

Wednesday 1 May, *BBC Online*: [Local elections 2019](#)

Research by the BBC has found that Reading Borough Council is one of only a few in England that has a female majority of councillors.

## 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.



### EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 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'](#).

## 9. Provision of 9 no. affordable dwellings at Station Road, Foxton

The Lead Cabinet Member for Housing

**AGREED** to approve the Council entering into Heads of Terms followed thereafter by a contract to purchase 9 affordable homes on a site at Station Road, Foxton.

*This decision was first published on 24 April. The deadline for calling-in this decision is 5pm on Wednesday 1 May.*

## 10. Sale of Land to the South of 43 St Audreys Close, Histon CB24 9JX

The Lead Cabinet member for Housing

**AGREED** the sale of HRA owned land to the south of 43 St Audreys Close, Histon, which has outline planning permission for the erection of a single dwelling for the best value price of £151,000.

*This decision was first published on Thursday 25 April. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on Thursday 2 May.*

## 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

### 11. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



#### Agendas

- [Planning Committee 8 May](#)
- [Employment and Staffing Committee 9 May](#)

#### Decisions

- [Sale of Land at St Audrey's Close, Histon](#)
- [Provision of 9 Affordable Dwellings at Station Road, Foxton](#)

#### Minutes

- [Scrutiny and Overview Committee 21 March](#)
- [Climate and Environment Advisory Committee 25 March](#)
- [Planning Committee 10 April](#)
- [Employment and Staffing Committee 25 April](#)

### 12. SCDC Starters and Leavers



#### New Employees at the Council

Name: Gary Champion  
Job title: Refuse Loader  
Date started: 1 April 2019

Name: Rebecca Darlison  
Job title: Customer Contact Advisor  
Date started: 8 April 2019

Name: Gavin Eaton  
Job title: Refuse Loader  
Date started: 2 April 2019

Name: Jessica Hildrow  
Job title: Customer Contact Apprentice  
Date started: 8 April 2019

Name: Peter Maddock





Job title: Deputy Head of Finance  
Date started: 15 April 2019

Name: Amanda Murphy  
Job title: Customer Contact Advisor  
Date started: 8 April 2019

Name: Joanne Preston  
Job title: Principal Urban Designer  
Date started: 1 April 2019



Name: Luke Rhenius  
Job title: Refuse Driver  
Date started: 18 March 2019

Name: Marc Smeets  
Job title: Resource Officer  
Date started: 8 April 2019



Name: Jemma Smith  
Job title: Customer Contact Advisor  
Date started: 8 April 2019

Name: Sarah Stanley  
Job title: Customer Contact Advisor  
Date started: 10 April 2019

Name: Normunds Vilisters  
Job title: Refuse Driver  
Date started: 15 April 2019

Name: Jamie Wesley  
Job title: Refuse Loader  
Date started: 8 April 2019

#### **Staff who have left**



Name: Kirsty Human  
Job title: Programme Manager  
Date left: 21 April 2019

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**Cambourne Science Fair**  
**for Children**  
Family-Friendly Event  
Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
2pm until 5pm  
The Hub, High Street,  
Cambourne CB23 6GW  
**FREE ENTRY**

A chance for your child to display a Science Project they have come up with.....

Last Date for Booking a Place: Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

If you would like to take part, please contact:  
Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya : 0785 275 3216 : shrobona@gmail.com  
Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya : 0754 012 2624 : sujit.isro@gmail.com



## COMMUNITY

### Science Festival puts STEM in spotlight



■ Dame Mary Archer attended the Cambourne Science Festival and presented certificates and medals to the participants

**THE THIRD ANNUAL CAMBOURNE SCIENCE FESTIVAL** was held on 12th May where more than 70 Cambourne and Cambridgeshire children - aged 4 to 14 years - presented their home-made science projects which is a new concept in this country.

The children of the Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC) took part in large number and demonstrated various projects based on BBC Micro:bit. Cambourne Science Festival is a unique event where children get an opportunity to demonstrate and explain their projects to the public, which enhances their public speaking and confidence.

The event was well attended by visitors from in and around Cambourne who were

seen to deeply interact with the young scientists. Every participant received a participation certificate along with a prize to acknowledge their ingenuity and to encourage them to continue their passion for science.

**Children get an opportunity to demonstrate and explain their projects to the public**

Councillor Shrobona Bhattacharya and Councillor Anshu Bhattacharya, the STEM Ambassadors and organisers of the event, explained, "A child's advancement depends on parents, teachers, state policies and also the all-round recognition

of child abilities. All our hard work will thus make more leaders, for the world to be in better hands!"

Dame Mary Archer DBE attended the Science Festival and took special interest interacting with the participants.

Dame Mary presented the certificates and medals to the participants while councillor Mark Howell helped her in giving the prizes.

Dr. Christos Papavassiliou of Imperial College London, Dr. Sudhakaram from Genetics Department of Cambridge University and Mr. David Plextek explained to the children in the Award Function why Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics are important to make a better world and how the young scientists can play an important role there.

## NEWS

### Cambourne youngsters present science projects

More than 60 Cambourne and Cambridgeshire children aged 4-14 presented their home-made science projects at Cambourne's 2nd Science Festival on Saturday 24th June.

Cambourne Science Festival was a unique event as the children got an opportunity to plan and make their own experiments to demonstrate.

People from in and around Cambourne looked at the projects, asked questions and interacted with the young scientists. Every participant received a participation certificate along with a prize to acknowledge their ingenuity and to encourage them to continue their passion for science.

Councillor Shrobona Bhattacharya, who organised this event, explained, "A child's advancement depends on parents, teachers, state policies and also the recognition of child abilities. All our hard work will make more leaders, for the world to be in better hands! Cambourne Science Festival, and demonstration by the little children, is a new concept in this country. I am sure more kids and parents will take part in



**Heidi Allen MP presented certificates to the participants**

coming years. My husband, Sujit, and I are STEM Ambassadors and promote science in the country."

Sujit also launched Cambourne Electronics club on the Science Festival day and children from age of 6-18 years are most welcome to join.

Local MP, Heidi Allen, attended the Science Festival with her husband and took special interest interacting with the participants. Heidi presented the certificates to the participants while councillors Ruth Betson and Dr Ghazala Mehboob Khan helped in giving the prizes.

### Cambourne Science Fair



On 14 May, local children presented science projects in the Hub at the first Cambourne Science Fair.

People from in and around Cambourne looked at the projects, asked questions and interacted with the young scientists. The participants of the Science Fair were not scored for their projects, instead everyone received a participation certificate along with prizes to acknowledge their ingenuity and to encourage them to continue their passion for science.

Dr. Shrobona and Mr. Sujit Bhattacharya, the lead organisers said, "This was a unique event as the children got an opportunity to plan their own experiments and demonstrating themselves. It had given them enough confidence for future science experiments".