

COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 2019

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 9 May to Friday 24 May

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 9 May	10am	Employment & Staffing Committee	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
Fri 10 May				
Mon 13 May	10am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Tue 14 May				
Wed 15 May				
Thu 16 May	2pm	Council	Council Chamber	Kathrin John
Fri 17 May				
Mon 20 May				
Tue 21 May	5.20pm	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Wed 22 May				
Thu 23 May				
Fri 24 May				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Planned Road Closures for Week Commencing 6 May - A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

Please find attached road closures information for w/c 6 May, 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
John Akester - john.akester@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](#).

3. A14 Monthly Parish Newsletter April to May 2019

The attached newsletter provides you with updates for March to April 2019, in relation to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme.

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. **Armed Forces Covenant - Training on 13 May**

Do you feel equipped to support the armed forces community in your area?

Are the needs of service personnel, veterans and their families considered in your work?

In Cambridgeshire 10% of our population are part of the armed forces community and there is vital support out there to help them if needed.

To learn more about the covenant come along to **Trumpington Continuous Professional Development Centre on 13th May 9:30 -11:30**, where Forces connect will be running the **MOD approved training session for Councillors** and get the chance to meet Lt Col Keith Spiers of 7th Infantry Brigade who will be opening the session.

To book follow this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/forces-connect-workshop-tickets-56400862498>

5. **Planning Committee Training Monday 5 June at Cambridge City Council**

Planning Committee training is available for our District Councillors on Wednesday 5 June from 9:30am to 4:30pm at Cambridge City Council.

Please note that Article 8.06 of the Council's Constitution states that "No member shall be eligible to sit on a regulatory committee unless and until they have undertaken suitable training upon appointment to such committee."

Please contact [Democratic Services](#) for more details or if you have any queries regarding this.

6. **Licensing Committee Training Monday 10 June at Cambridge City Council**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

7. 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		
01/05/2019	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		
01/05/2019	Cambridge Independent	Council to consider spending £1m on revamp	P8 & P9	
01/05/2019	Cambridge Independent	Huawei hosts exhibition of plans	P9	
01/05/2019	Cambridge Independent	Residents wars traffic estimates 'do not stand up'	P23	Bourn Airfield article
01/05/2019	Cambridge Independent	CLlr Bridget Smith column: A fund to help communities tackle climate change	P28 & P29	
01/05/2019	Cambridge Independent	Historic shed demolition plan revealed	P14	
02/05/2019	Cambridge News	Grant scheme set up to help reduce carbon emissions	P16	
02/05/2019	Cambridge Network online	Fund to help communities shift towards zero carbon approved	Link	
03/05/2019	Cambridge News	Listed tannery drying shed may face demolition	P18	
03/05/2019	Cambridge Network online	Take a free fitness MOT to stay stronger for longer	Link	
06/05/2019	Cambridge Network online	South Cambridgeshire District Council to consider spending £1m on revamp	Link	

8. 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 2 May, *BBC Politics Live*: [Local Government Funding](#)

In a discussion looking ahead to the local elections, BBC Politics Live references the LGA's

analysis that councils will have seen reductions in core government funding of £16 billion between 2010-20.

Friday 3 May, *Mail Online*: [Government to miss 2020 housing target by five years](#)

The National Audit Office says the Government is likely to miss its 2020 housing target by at least five years.

Sunday 5 May, *Sunday Times*: [Fast food in 'dark kitchens'](#)

Councils are cracking down on Deliveroo's pop-up takeaways over fears that it is unlawfully cooking thousands of takeaway.

Sunday 5 May, *Guardian Online*: [Call for poor and disabled to be given fitness trackers](#)

Fitness trackers should be prescribed on the NHS to stop a further widening of health inequality, according to a new report by the Social Market Foundation (SMF).

Tuesday 7 May, *Times*: [Build more affordable homes, says study](#)

Three quarters of people believe there is a shortage of affordable homes across England and in their area, according to a new poll.

Wednesday 8 May, *Financial Times*: [English councils are investing in new offices](#)

English councils are building new headquarters to accommodate smaller workforces, kick-start redevelopment projects and cut costs. Councils including Sunderland, Cambridgeshire, Warwick district, Durham and Harrogate are either planning to move or have moved to new headquarters.

Wednesday 8 May, *Guardian Online*: [CBI calls for reforms over 'unsustainable' business rates](#)

President of the CBI, John Allan, is stepping up calls for reform of business rates, saying the system is now "unsustainable" and has been partly to blame for the spate of high street closures.

9. 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 1 MAY



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'](#).

10. New Zero Carbon Communities Grant

Cabinet agreed to the establishment of a new Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme with criteria as set out in Appendix 1 to the report from the Director for Health and Environmental Services.

This decision was first published on Thursday 2 May. The deadline for call-in, taking into account the Bank Holiday Monday, is Friday 10 May at 5pm.

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

- [Extraordinary Planning Committee \(Waterbeach New Town\)](#)

Decisions

- [Cabinet 1 May](#)

Plans

- [Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

Issues

- [Reappointment of Brexit Advisory Group](#)
- [Establishment of Joint Planning and Transport Advisory Group](#)
- [Quarterly Performance Report](#)

12. **SCDC Starters and Leavers**



New Employees at the Council

Name: Vanessa Holms
Job title: Customer Contact Assistant
Date started: 7 May 2019

Name: Nicholas Lockley
Job title: Development Project Officer (New Build)
Date started: 30 April 2019



Staff who have left

Name: Rachael Forbes
Job title: Planning Officer
Date left: 24 April 2019

Name: Allen Moore
Job title: Refuse Operative
Date left: 15 April 2019

Name: James Stone
Job title: Principal Planner
Date left: 3 May 2019

Name: Sarah Wheaton
Job title: Housing Allocations Officer
Date left: 6 May 2019