



Councillors' Bulletin Wednesday, 31 March 2021

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 1 April to Friday 16 April

| Date | Time | Name | Venue | Contact |
|------------|-------|--|--------|----------------------------------|
| Thu 1 Apr | 11am | Licensing (2003 Act) Sub-Committee | Online | Victoria Wallace |
| Fri 2 Apr | - | - | - | - |
| Mon 5 Apr | - | - | - | - |
| Tue 6 Apr | - | - | - | - |
| Wed 7 Apr | - | - | - | - |
| Thu 8 Apr | 2 pm | Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee | Online | Victoria Wallace |
| Fri 9 Apr | - | - | - | - |
| Mon 12 Apr | - | - | - | - |
| Tue 13 Apr | 10 am | Planning Committee | Online | Ian Senior |
| Wed 14 Apr | - | - | - | - |
| Thu 15 Apr | 2 pm | Council | Online | Rebecca Dobson |
| Fri 16 Apr | - | - | - | - |

Information for District Councillors and Parish Councils

2. Planned Road Closures for Week Commencing Monday 29 March - A14 Improvements

Please find attached road closures information for week commencing 29 March in relation to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

For all queries relating to the scheme, please email:
A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk

Further updates on scheme progress can be found on our [website](#)

General Information

3. Media Monitoring



The Council's Communications Team produce a weekly summary of recent news items which is published in the Bulletin to help keep members informed of recent coverage of the Council.
Please contact the [Communications Team](#) for further information.

| Date | Publication | Details | | |
|------------|------------------------------------|--|----------|--|
| 24/03/2021 | Cambridge Network online | Council launches £30,000 Covid Recovery Grant for local communities | - | - |
| 24/03/2021 | Cambridge Network online | Council invests more than £5 million in Northstowe community facilities and business space | - | - |
| 24/03/2021 | Cambridge News | Sites revealed for thousands of homes to fund metro | P4 | - |
| 24/03/2021 | Cambridge Independent | Covid recovery grant launched | P4 | - |
| 24/03/2021 | Cambridge Independent | GCP moves to help bus services and cut car use | P10 | GCP article |
| 24/03/2021 | Cambridge Independent | 3,500-home plan for golf club | P11 | Call for sites submission |
| 24/03/2021 | Cambridge Independent | Hundreds of families find homes | P15 | - |
| 24/03/2021 | Cambridge Independent | Petition against planned scheme for 25,000 homes | P19 | - |
| 24/03/2021 | Various: Radio Companions campaign | Clips of Cllr Bill Handley featured on Cambridge 105 and other radio stations, discussing help for loneliness and social isolation | - | - |
| 24/03/2021 | Cambridgeshire Live online | New potential locations for garden villages in South Cambs to help fund metro | - | - |
| 24/03/2021 | Local Government Chronicle online | Counterterrorism 'burden' may force community venues to close | - | Cllr Bridget Smith quoted |
| 24/03/2021 | Cambridge Independent online | Petition against Thakeham's controversial plans for 25,000 homes | - | - |
| 24/03/2021 | Cambridge Independent online | Princess Anne thanks Greater Cambridge's waste and recycling teams | - | - |
| 24/03/2021 | Cambridge Independent online | Mayor James Palmer's plan for new garden villages to pay for metro is 'barmy', claims Lib Dem opponent | - | CA article |
| 24/03/2021 | In Your Area online | First Urban Splash modular homes arrive in Northstowe new town | - | - |
| 24/03/2021 | Hello! Online | Princess Anne makes first appearance since grandson's birth | - | - |
| 24/03/2021 | Daily Express online | Princess Anne all smiles as she steps out for first time since Zara Tindall baby birth | - | - |
| 25/03/2021 | Cambridge News | Princess sees the funny side at waste depot | P1 & P12 | - |
| 25/03/2021 | Cambridge News | Rebranding park and rides 'hiding impact of plan' | P11 | GCP article |
| 25/03/2021 | Cambridge News | Innovative homes going up block by block | P16 | - |
| 25/03/2021 | The Times online | Court Circular: March 24, 2021 | - | Royal engagement details at Waterbeach Depot |
| 25/03/2021 | Royston Crow online | Princess Anne visits waste and recycling centre | - | - |
| 25/03/2021 | Cambs Times | Princess Anne visits waste and | - | - |

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| | online | recycling centre | | |
| 25/03/2021 | People online | Princess Anne Proves She's the Royal Who Keeps It Real with Her Latest Outing | - | - |
| 25/03/2021 | Ely Standard online | Princess Anne visits waste and recycling centre | - | - |
| 25/03/2021 | Daily Star online | Twitter in hysterics as Princess Anne is photographed having laugh with burly binmen | - | - |
| 25/03/2021 | Royal Central online | Princess Anne heads to the bin depot on first engagement since grandson's birth | - | - |
| 25/03/2021 | Express online | Princess Anne has 'off-the-scale look of joy' in first appearance since birth of grandson | - | - |
| 26/03/2021 | Express online | Princess Anne praised as 'a proper royal' in latest outing with binmen - 'Truly humble' | - | - |
| 26/03/2021 | Let's Recycle online | Princess Anne visits Cambridgeshire waste crews | - | - |
| 27/03/2021 | In Your Area online | Cambs local elections 2021: County council candidates on post-Covid recovery | - | - |
| 27/03/2021 | Cambridge News | What should be the priorities for post-Covid recovery? | P16 | - |
| 28/03/2021 | Ely Standard online | By-election for Waterbeach after Lib Dem retires | - | - |
| 29/03/2021 | Royston Crow online | MP launches petition against 25,000-home new town | - | - |
| 29/03/2021 | In Your Area online | Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire planning applications for week ending March 29 | - | - |
| 30/03/2021 | Cambridgeshire Live online | Easter bin collections Cambridge: Council warning as collection dates changing for Easter | - | - |
| 30/03/2021 | In Your Area online | South Cambs councillor retires, triggering by-election | - | - |
| 30/03/2021 | Saffron Walden Reporter online | Plans submitted for 3,500 homes in South Cambridgeshire | - | Call for sites submission |
| 31/03/2021 | Cambridge News | Milton ward says goodbye to Councillor after 17 years | P16 | - |
| 31/03/2021 | Cambridge Independent | Councillor of 17 years to go | P8 | - |
| 31/03/2021 | Cambridge Independent | Changes to bin rounds | P10 | - |
| 31/03/2021 | Cambridge Independent | The £2bn metro: The future of transport - or white elephant? | P13 | - |
| 31/03/2021 | Cambridge Independent | Princess Anne visits to thank waste teams | P20 | - |
| 31/03/2021 | Cambridge Independent | Winners of 2021 Cambridge Design and Construction Awards revealed | P48 & P49 | - |

4. 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 25 March, Evening Standard: [New housing developments should be “loneliness proofed”](#)

New housing developments and public transport routes should be “loneliness proofed” and more public toilets introduced to help people reconnect as coronavirus restrictions ease, according to a report.

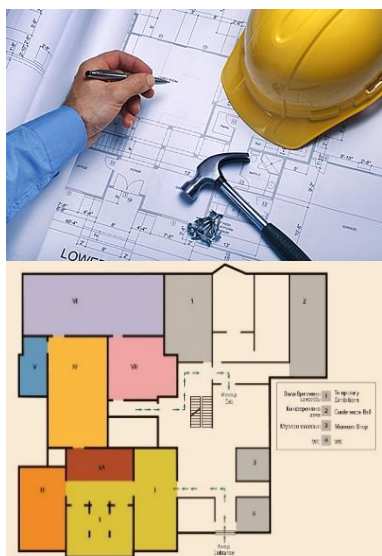
Saturday 27 March, BBC Online: [Virtual council meetings to end](#)

Virtual council meetings in England are to end in May after the Government said it was under too much pressure to fit in legislation to allow the temporary law to continue.

Sunday 28 March, Talk Radio: [Over half a million tonnes of recycling rejected at point of sorting](#)

More than half a million tonnes of household recycling collected was rejected at the point of sorting in 2019/20, because non-recyclable materials are being placed in recycling bins, the LGA says.

5. 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](#).

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 March 2021



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'](#).

6. Response to Government Consultation: Planning for the Future White Paper

The Lead Cabinet Member for Planning **Agreed** to the response set out in the Appendix.

This decision was agreed on Thursday 25 and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Thursday 1 April.

7. Community Chest Grants (March)

The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance **Agreed** the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Committee of 26 March.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 30 March and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Thursday 8 April. This is two days later than usual due to the Easter bank holidays.

8. Task and Finish Group Anti-Racism

Cabinet:

Approved the following recommendations:

- a) **Recommendation 1** – Key performance indicators relating to how the council responds to BAME employees at South Cambridgeshire District Council should be reported to the Employment and Staffing Committee on an ongoing basis.
- b) **Recommendation 2** – The Leader of the Council should assign the responsibility for equalities to the relevant Lead Cabinet Member.
- c) **Recommendation 3** – The Lead Cabinet Member with responsibility for equalities should investigate the establishment of an equalities advisory panel/group. It is suggested that this panel/group could follow the model of the Council's Brexit Advisory Group rather than requiring a formal committee to be set up. The Lead Cabinet Member should establish the most appropriate reporting route for the equality in employment report and whether this should be reported to the equalities advisory panel/group or the Employment and Staffing

Committee.

- d) **Recommendation 4** – The new equality advisory panel/group should track the outcomes of the equalities staff forum.
- e) **Recommendation 5** – The suitable Lead Cabinet Member should liaise with relevant officers on street naming in South Cambridgeshire.
- f) **Recommendation 6** – The Council should produce an equalities toolkit for businesses, to help broaden their understanding of race inequality in the workplace and enable them to undertake Race Equality Impact Assessment on their employment practices. This is in line with work that has already been undertaken by Cambridge City Council. It is suggested that this toolkit should be developed by the Business Support Team. The group acknowledges that there may not currently be capacity for the team to undertake this work due to demands supporting businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic, so this work should be undertaken when capacity allows.
- g) **Recommendation 7** – Provision of training on Gypsy, Roma and Traveller cultural awareness for all councillors and officers. As well as requiring all councillors to attend a briefing on equality and diversity, Cambridge City Council provided training on Gypsy, Roma and Traveller cultural awareness which was found to be beneficial. The task and finish group suggests the same training is provided for South Cambridgeshire district councillors and officers and that all should be required to attend.
- h) **Recommendation 8** – The Council should seek to collaborate with Cambridge City Council in its engagement with BAME community groups. Cambridge City Council has taken steps to enhance dialogue with BAME community groups, the Council and other public sector organisations. As there is overlap between City and South Cambridgeshire community groups, it is suggested that this Council seeks to collaborate with and support the work already being done by Cambridge City Council to avoid duplication.
- i) **Recommendation 9** – The Council should build links with local BAME community groups. The Council should seek to understand the concerns of BAME community groups and ensure that there is a way for them to engage with the Council on issues of importance and concern to them. This relationship should be monitored and maintained through the new equality advisory panel/group.

This decision was published on Wednesday 24 March and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm Wednesday 31 March.

9. Task and Finish Group Covid

Cabinet:

Approved the following recommendations:

- a) **Recommendation 1** – The Council should ensure adequate resource is allocated for community recovery and to support parishes with further development of their community response/emergency plans, so they are as well-equipped as possible for any future crises.
- b) **Recommendation 2** – The Council should host appreciation events to celebrate the success of the community response and to acknowledge the work of community groups and volunteers during the Covid-19 pandemic.

This decision was published on Wednesday 24 March and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm Wednesday 31 March.

10. Waterbeach New Town Naming

Cabinet:

Agreed the engagement process that the two master developers will follow to gather feedback and opinion on the name of the new town north of Waterbeach, with a paper coming back to Cabinet in order to take the final decision on the name of the new town.

This decision was published on Wednesday 24 March and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 31 March.

11. Home-Link Allocations Policy

Cabinet:

Reviewed and **noted** the outcome of the allocations review, including the consultation feedback and **agreed** the subsequent revisions to the Lettings Policy.

This decision was published on Wednesday 24 March and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 31 March.

12. Provision of 12 affordable homes at Boxworth End, Swavesey

Cabinet:

Agreed the options as detailed in the exempt report

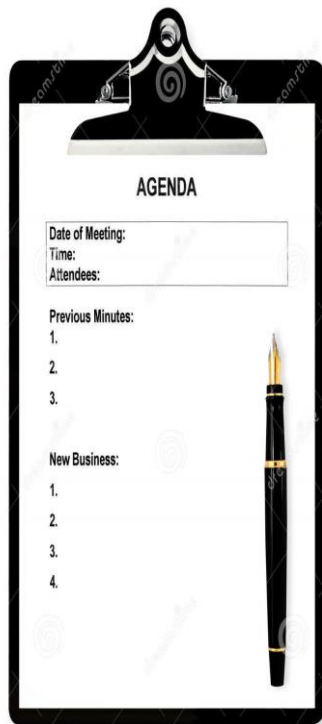
This decision was originally published on 24 March and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Wednesday 31 March.

Decisions Made By Officers and Reported For Information

Please click on the link to find details of decisions made by [officers under delegated authority](#).

Other Information

13. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Decisions

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