



# South Cambridgeshire District Council

Council Meeting  
Thursday, 21 July 2022

Agenda and Reports

South Cambridgeshire Hall  
Cambourne Business Park  
Cambourne, Cambridge  
CB23 6EA

### **Exclusion Of Press And Public**

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"I propose that the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item number(s) ..... in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that, if present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) ..... of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended)."

If exempt (confidential) information has been provided as part of the agenda, the Press and public will not be able to view it. There will be an explanation on the website however as to why the information is exempt.

## **South Cambridgeshire District Council**

TO: The Chair and Members of the  
South Cambridgeshire District Council

**Notice Is Hereby Given** that the next meeting of the **Council** will be held in the **Council Chamber - South Cambs Hall** at **2.00 P.M.** on

**Thursday, 21 July 2022**

and I therefore summon you to attend accordingly for the transaction of the business specified below.

**Dated** this date

**Liz Watts**  
Chief Executive

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### **Agenda**

1. **Apologies**  
To receive Apologies for Absence from Members.
2. **Declaration of Interest**  
To receive from Members any declarations of interest in items on this agenda.
3. **Register of Interests**  
Members are requested to inform Democratic Services of any changes in their Register of Members' Financial and Other Interests form.
4. **Minutes**  
To authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26 May 2022 as a correct record.
5. **Announcements**  
To receive any announcements from the Chair, Leader, the Executive or the Head of Paid Service.
6. **Questions From the Public**

**(Pages 1 - 14)**

To answer any questions asked by the public.

The deadline for receipt of public questions is midnight on Friday 15 July 2022.

The Council's scheme for public speaking at remote meetings may be inspected here:

[Public Questions at physical Meetings](#)

**6 (a) From Cambridge City Councillor Hannah Copley**

a) Following Royal Assent of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (now the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022), what specific steps will South Cambridge District Council take to counteract, and prevent contributing to, the systemic racism that this act represents?

b) How many evictions of the members of the Gypsy, Roma or Traveller communities have taken place since July 2021 that South Cambridge District Council has been aware of (whether the eviction has been carried out by South Cambridge District Council, a Parish Council, the County Council, a private landowner or any other body), and could you provide the total number of known evictions based on who carried out the eviction?

**7. Petitions**

To note all petitions received since the last Council meeting.

**8. To Consider the Following Recommendation:**

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The following report contains confidential information in its appendices. If Council wishes to discuss this information the press and public are likely to be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item of business in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act).

Paragraph 3 refers to information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

**8 (a) Northstowe - Update and Recommendations (Cabinet, 11 July 2022)  
(Pages 15 - 66)**

**9. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority**

To discuss the work of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

**10. Members of Committees and Outside Bodies**

The purpose of this item is:

- To note and endorse any changes in the membership of Committees which have been made in accordance with the wishes of the Leader of the political group to which the seat concerned has been allocated.
- To agree any changes required in the membership of outside bodies.

Council is asked to note that Councillor Aidan Van de Weyer has replaced Councillor Sarah Cheung Johnson as substitute on the Employment and Staffing Committee.

Council is asked to appoint Councillor Richard Stobart as the Council's Board Member on South Cambs Investment Partnership

Council is asked to appoint 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Conservative to the Housing Engagement Board.

Council is asked to appoint a Liberal Democrat Substitute Member to the Police Crime Panel.

**11. Questions From Councillors**

A period of 30 minutes will be allocated for this item to include those questions where notice has been provided (as set out on the agenda below) and questions which may be asked without notice.

Members wishing to ask a question without notice should indicate this intention to the Interim Democratic Services Team Manager prior to the commencement of the item. Members' names will be drawn at random by the Chair until there are no further questions or until the expiration of the time period.

**11 (a) From Councillor Helene Leeming**

What is the council currently doing to support Ukrainian refugees?

**11 (b) From Councillor Stephen Drew**

In what ways is South Cambridgeshire District Council promoting local markets across the district?

**11 (c) From Councillor Dr Richard Williams**

Can the Leader explain, to the residents and communities who would be severely and detrimentally impacted by the proposed new line, her decision to sign a letter backing East West Rail?

**11 (d) From Councillor Dr Lisa Redrup**

What are the revised savings from greening South Cambridgeshire Hall?

**11 (e) From Councillor Daniel Lentell**

What can my constituents in Over & Willingham expect in terms of tangible benefits following the appointment of a new, interim chief executive of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority?

**11 (f) From Councillor Richard Stobart**

Could the Leader please comment on the Council Tax collection rates for 2021-22, bearing in mind the very difficult economic circumstances?

**12. Notices of Motion**

A period of 30 minutes will be allowed for each Motion to be moved, seconded and debated, including dealing with any amendments. At the expiry of the 30 minute period, debate shall cease immediately, the mover of the original Motion, or if the original Motion has been amended, the mover of that amendment now forming part of the substantive motion, will have the right of reply before it is put to the vote.

**12 (a) Standing in the name of Councillor Heather Williams**

South Cambs is a major growth area. We know that many of these new homes will attract young families and the number of young people in the District will rise. It is therefore hugely important that the voice of young people is heard in the development of the Council's policies for the future of the District. This Council encourages youth engagement in local politics and supports the greater involvement of young people in decision-making at the Council and requests Cabinet to establish a cross-party Members' Task & Finish Group to consider options for delivering this.

**13. Chair's Engagements**

To note the Chair's engagements since the last Council meeting:

24.05.22	USAF Civic Leaders Information Day	RAF Molesworth Cambridge	Chair or Vice Chair TBD	10.30 to 16.00	RAF Molesworth	Declined - Chair and Vice Chair did not attend
23.06.22	Cambridgeshire County Day   23 June 2022   Garden Party	July Course Newmarket	Chair	9.30 to 4pm	Julie Spence Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire	Declined by Chair and Vice Chair (existing meetings)
01.07.22	Annual Independence Day Festivities RAF Alconbury	RAF Alconbury	Chair or Vice Chair	8pm	Sent on behalf of Colonel Martin	Declined – Chair and Vice Chair unable to attend -
09.07.22	Speaking at Queen's Baton	Genome Campus	Chair		Email request from Linda	Accepted

	Relay Stage at the Wellcome Campus				Prior Genome Campus	
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- 14. Date of Next Meeting**  
Thursday 22 September at 2 pm.

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