

SOHAM AND EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL MEETING

Tuesday, 31st March, 2009 7pm – 9pm

SOHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE (BEECHURST HALL)

19:00- 19:02	1	Welcome	Cllr. Beckett, East Cambridgeshire District Council
19:02- 19:03	2	Revised Terms of Reference	Cllr Beckett
19:03- 19:07	3	Election of Panel Chairman and Vice-Chairman	David Archer, East Cambridgeshire District Council
19:07- 19:10	4	Introductions and Apologies -inc. introduction of officers present from agencies	Chairman
19:10- 19:18	5	Chairman's Announcements and Consultation items - update on non-police actions - verbal update on Young People's Panel Initiative	Chairman Lorraine Lofting, Cambridgeshire County Council
19:18- 19:33	6	Neighbourhood Update - update on action since last meeting	Inspector Alan Savill, East Cambs Sector Inspector
19:33- 19:53	7	Discussion of Neighbourhood Issues	John Fuller, Community Engagement Manager, Cambs Constabulary
19:53- 19:58	8	Panel Prioritisation	Chairman
19:58- 20:58	9	Accessibility and transport issues in villages in the Panel area	Helen Randall, John Powley, Fred Langford, Avril Hayter-Smith, Jeremy Smith
20:58- 21:00	10	Forward Agenda (for meeting on Wednesday, 1st July) - Dealing with the economic downturn - Soham Vision/Masterplan; - Emergency Planning; other possible items ? - further co-options ?	Chairman

P.T.O.

1. Joining the Council's Register of Consultees

If you would like the opportunity to get involved in local decision making by acting as a sounding board for future policy or service proposals, then why not join the Council's NEW Register of Consultees and give us your views about the decisions we make and the services we provide.

What will this involve?

If you would like to act as a consultee, whether as an individual or a group, then your name will be added to the Council's Register of Consultees and you will be allocated a consultee reference number. As changes are proposed to develop the Council's policies or services, the 'nominated officer' will select a number of individuals or groups from the list of consultees who could be affected by, or may have an interest in, the policy/service proposals. The 'nominated officer' will be the Council Officer who will be leading the change proposals. If you are selected, then you will be sent a copy of the proposal (in your preferred format - paper or electronic) together with a covering letter and feedback form. You will then have a set period of time to consider the proposal and to offer your feedback using the form provided.

All completed forms will then be returned to the Council for consideration as part of the consultation process.

The Council may publish a summary of responses to a particular consultation exercise on the Council's website for public inspection. If this is done, no individual responses will be identifiable.

If you would like the opportunity to join the Council's consultee register, then please visit the Council's website: www.eastcambs.gov.uk + complete the on-line application form.

2. The transfer of waste calls (from Veolia) to the Council's Customer Relations' Management (CRM) system:

Since 5th January all telephone calls relating to waste collection and cleansing services are being handled by the Council's Customer Service Centre, with Veolia's helpline number being diverted to the Council.

This change has been implemented to improve levels of customer service by enabling the Council to accurately assess levels of complaints and the types of enquiries being received in relation to the services provided by Veolia. Issues can be reported by telephoning 01353 665555 or by e-mailing customerservices@eastcambs.gov.uk

3. Soham Vision/Masterplan

The latest Soham Masterplan Vision Working Party meeting was in mid-March. The debate on the future of Soham is now underway with the appointment of Entec as consultants to lead on the Soham Masterplan Vision. A public consultation event was held on the 25th March at the Pavilion for members of the public to give their views. More information about the project (including an on-line questionnaire) is available on the East Cambridgeshire District Council website www.eastcambs.gov.uk.

4. Wicken Fen Vision

A further meeting is to be arranged later in 2009.

5. Country Park development (in Ely)

The feedback from public consultation will be used to finalise the visioning document on the Country Park which will be considered by the Community Services Committee in May, 2009.

For on-going **information about Neighbourhood Panels** - minutes from the meetings,
- Neighbourhood Profiles,
- Newsletters, Speedwatch,
- Young People's Panel Initiative
- dates and venues for the
Panel meetings in **2009**.

Please use the A-Z section of the East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) website: www.eastcambs.gov.uk to access the '**Neighbourhood Panel**' webpage.