



**Councillors' Bulletin
Wednesday, 13 March 2024**

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 14 to Friday 29 March

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 14 Mar	10 am	Civic Affairs Committee	Council Chamber	Patrick Adams
Fri 15 Mar	-	-	-	-
Mon 18 Mar	-	-	-	-
Tue 19 Mar	10 am	Audit & Corporate Governance Committee	Council Chamber	Patrick Adams
Wed 20 Mar	-	-	-	-
Thu 21 Mar	5:30 pm	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
	7 pm	Extraordinary Council	Council Chamber	Patrick Adams
Fri 22 Mar	-	-	-	-
Mon 25 Mar	-	-	-	-
Tue 26 Mar	-	-	-	-
Wed 27 Mar	-	-	-	-
Thu 28 Mar	10 am	Grants Advisory Committee	Council Chamber	Laurence Damary-Homan
Fri 29 Mar	-	-	-	-

Information for District Councillors and Parish Councils

2. Community Right to Bid - Assets of Community Value

On 4 March 2024 the Council has received the following nomination:

Fowlmere URC and School Room (including Burial Ground), Chapel Lane, Fowlmere, Royston, SG8 7RX

SCDC ref CRtB/2024/009

The Council will make its decision by Monday 29 April 2024.

On 13/02/2024 the Council has received the following nomination:

Rampton Free Church Mission Hall, High Street, Rampton, Cambridge, CB24 8QE

SCDC ref CRtB/2024/007

The Council will make its decision by 09/04/2024

Further information about the Community Right to Bid and Assets of Community Value can be

found on our [webpage](#).

Please contact partnerships@scambs.gov.uk if you have any questions.

3. **A11 Babraham to Six Mile Bottom resurfacing update**

National Highways are carrying out essential maintenance on the A11 between Babraham and Six Mile Bottom. Their work includes resurfacing and sign renewals to ensure that the A11 remains safe and serviceable.

Work began on Monday 6 March 2023 and is expected to be complete by **Friday 22 March 2024**.

Upcoming closures and diversions

The final phase of work will take place between **Thursday 14 and Friday 22 March**. We'll be working overnight **between 8pm and 6am**, as follows:

- A11 southbound closure between **Fourwentways** and **Granta Park**, on **Thursday 14 and Friday 15 March**.
- A11 northbound closure between **Granta Park** and **Fourwentways** (including the exit slip road from the A505), **from Monday 18 to Friday 22 March**.

Whilst the A11 is closed, traffic will be diverted as follows:

- Southbound traffic will exit the A11 at Fourwentways Interchange onto the A1307 towards Haverhill, then turn right onto Newmarket Road towards Granta Park. Join the A505 westbound at Granta Park and then join the M11 southbound at junction 10 to continue south.
- Northbound traffic on the M11 wishing to continue onto the A11 will exit at Stump Cross and take the A1301 northbound, then join the A505 eastbound at Pampisford. Exit the A505 towards Granta Park then follow Newmarket Road northbound to the A1307 Fourwentways Interchange to join the A11.

How to find out more

More information about our closures and diversion routes can be found on the National Highways [website](#)

If you would like more information, please contact National Highways on 0300 123 5000, or by email at info@nationalhighways.co.uk.

4. **M11 Junction 12 to 13 - Electronic message sign renewal**

As part of a series of improvements on the M11, National Highways plan to renew the existing electronic message signs between junctions 12 and 13. Once complete, the new signs will offer reliable information and service to the road users. The signs have been built with a longer lifespan and durability.

National Highways plan to complete this work over **3 nights** between **Monday 11 March and Wednesday 14 March 2024**. They will work between **9pm and 5am**, weather permitting.

Closures and diversions

To carry out the work safely, National Highways will need to close sections of the M11, and

divert traffic as detailed below:

Closures	Date	Time	Diversions
M11 northbound between junction 12 and 13	Monday 11 March to Wednesday 13 March	9pm to 5am	M11 northbound traffic will be diverted off the M11 at junction 9 via the A11 and A14 and returning via the Newmarket bypass.(Map 1).

5. New Volunteer Cambs Website

A new website has been launched by Support Cambridgeshire. The [Volunteer Cambs website](#) allows residents of Cambridgeshire to explore volunteering opportunities and can also be used by community organisations to seek volunteers. The post [New Volunteer Cambs website calls on the local community to make their mark with volunteering](#) appeared first on [Support Cambridgeshire](#).

General Information

6. 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	-	-
07/03/2024	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Mike Davey of Cambridge City Council interviewed on breakfast show at 7:10am regarding joint City Council and SCDC reaction to publication of 'The case for Cambridge'	Approx 1'17" into show	-
07/03/2024	Cambridge Network online	Council leaders react to 'Case for Cambridge' update published alongside Spring Budget	Link	-
07/03/2024	Cambridge Independent online	The five big uncertainties that will hold up progress on Greater Cambridge Local Plan until late 2025	Link	-
07/03/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	Cambridge could see new trial to tackle 'hazardous' pavement parking	Link	-
07/03/2024	Local Gov online	Gove urged to 'listen' to Cambridge on housing plans	Link	-
07/03/2024	AOL online	Budget says Cambridge to get help to 'realise full potential'	Link	-
07/03/2024	Varsity online	Local authorities oppose new University-backed funding for Cambridge development	Link	-
07/03/2024	Planning Resource online	Council rejects proposal to build nearly 4,000 new homes on part-green belt site'	Link	-
07/03/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Council rents to rise by average of £9 a week in South Cambridgeshire	Link	-
07/03/2024	Cambridgeshire	Cambridge could see new trial to tackle	Link	GCP

	Live online	'hazardous' pavement parking		
07/03/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	Government 'not listening' to concerns as it plans to build 150,000 new homes in Greater Cambridge	Link	-
07/03/2024	Cambridge Independent online	The five big uncertainties that will hold up progress on Greater Cambridge Local Plan until late 2025	Link	-
07/03/2024	Cambsnews online	'You can't park there mate' no laughing matter in Mill Road Cambridge	Link	GCP
08/03/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	Government 'not listening' to concerns as it plans to build 150,000 new homes in Greater Cambridge	Link	-
08/03/2024	Cambridge News print	Shape of things to come? Gove outlines his vision for levelling up	P1 & 8-9	-
08/03/2024	Cambridge News print	Michael Gove doesn't know a thing about Cambridge	P10	-
08/03/2024	Planning Resource online	Government to pilot 'water credits system' to help unlock consents for 9,000 homes in Cambridge area	Link	-
08/03/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Politicians warn government that Cambridge does not need 'another layer of bureaucracy'	Link	-
08/03/2024	Royston Crow online	South Cambridgeshire homes to be brought back into use	Link	-
08/03/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Pavement parking ban set to be trialled in Cambridge	Link	GCP
09/03/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Parkside station move 'will not impact police presence in Cambridge city centre'	Link	-
09/03/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Cambridge City Council to refund council tenants who were overcharged rent for up to two decades	Link	SCDC mention
08/03/2024	The Planner	The Planner's Women of Influence	Link	Bonnie Kwok in the line up
09/03/2024	Cambridge News print	Developers cash pays for extension to GP surgery	P8	-
09/03/2024	Cambridge News print	Council installs life saving defibrillators	P8	-
09/03/2024	Cambridge News print	Museum opens new specialist toilet for disabled visitors	P9	-
10/03/2024	The Guardian online	Capacity crunch on National Grid is delaying new homes in UK by years	Link	-
10/03/2024	Business Weekly online	Form the Future levelling the playing field in UK's 'most unequal city'	Link	GCP
11/03/2024	Cambridge 105FM	Interview with Cllr Henry Batchelor on empty homes campaign	Link	Listen at 8.10am
11/03/2024	Cambridge Network online	Vacancy to Vitality: campaign to bring empty homes back into use	Link	-
11/03/2024	Planning Resource online	'256-home plan decided by a "coin toss" to be re-run as developers call the process "flawed"	Link	-
11/03/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Four-day week data at South Cambridgeshire District Council 'shows trial is not working', Tories claim	Link	-
11/03/2024	That's TV Cambridge	S106 monies support Over GP surgery and charity day centre	Link	-
11/03/2024	Cambsnews	£10,000 will do nicely say young	Link	-

	online	Cambridgeshire entrepreneurs		
11/03/2024	Cambsnews online	South Cambridgeshire Council hits fly tippers where it hurts – in the pocket	Link	-
12/03/2024	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	AM bulletins: Update on 4 day week trial ahead of Cabinet discussion	N/A	-
12/03/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	Three months of roadworks and road closures to start in Cambridgeshire village	Link	GCP
12/03/2024	Energy Live News online	National Grid capacity shortage halts UK home building	Link	Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
12/03/2024	The Sun online	PLAYTIME'S OVER Our 'Toy Town' village with Harry Potter-inspired streets is being ruined by teen vandals & 'newcomers' who don't fit in	Link	-
12/03/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	South Cambridgeshire to continue four-day week trial despite possible financial penalties	Link	-
12/03/2024	Royston crow online	South Cambs: Four-day week trial risks financial penalties	Link	-
12/03/2024	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Minister for Local Government, Simon Hoare, interviewed on drive time regarding Council's 4 day week trial	Approx 3h 18mins into show	-
12/03/2024	Royston Crow online	South Cambs: Four-day week trial risks financial penalties	Link	-
12/03/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	South Cambridgeshire to continue four-day week trial despite possible financial penalties	Link	-
13/03/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Is this the future for city?	P1	Reaction to publication of Government's 'case for Cambridge'
13/03/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Government unveils vision of housing growth and light rail / Politicians left unconvinced	P6 & P7	Reaction to publication of Government's 'case for Cambridge'
13/03/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Can water credits system for developers unblock housing?	P9	-
13/03/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Opinion from Anthony Browne MP: You could lose count of all the money pouring into the region	P23	Reference to SCDC and water
13/03/2024	BBC News online	Law could change to stop Cambridgeshire council's four-day week	Link	-

7. 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 7 March, Independent: [Budget, Household Support Fund extension](#)

A six-month extension to the Household Support Fund, which helps the most vulnerable people struggling with the cost of living, has been announced in the Budget.

Friday 8 March, Sky News: [Budget did little to diffuse ticking timebomb for local councils](#)

Political editor Beth Rigby writes about the fallout from this week's Budget, and the impact on councils and local services.

Friday 8 March, Financial Times: [Right to Buy receipts](#)

The Chancellor has decided to end the policy of letting local authorities keep 100 per cent of the revenues from sales of council homes.

Saturday 9 March, Sky News: [Heat pump policy](#)

Plans to impose targets for electric heat pumps sales on gas boiler manufacturers is reportedly set to be confirmed next week.

Sunday 10 March, Sunday Express: [McVey on productivity plans](#)

Cabinet Office Minister Esther McVey said the public sector, including local government, needs to cut out "wasteful practices".

Monday 11 March, Sky News: [Labour will not bail out bankrupt councils](#)

Speaking during an interview on Sky News' Sunday Morning with Trevor Philips, the Shadow Chancellor Rachel Reeves said Labour will not bail out bankrupt councils.

Tuesday 12 March, Express: [Council tax rises](#)

Despite a £600 million package of support granted to local government before the Spring Budget by the Government, the LGA has warned that is not enough to plug the funding gap that councils are facing over the next two years and making council tax rises "vital".

Tuesday 12 March, New Statesman: [Household Support Fund](#)

Despite a 6 month extension to the Household Support Fund, now due to conclude in September, concerns remain that councils were facing a "cliff edge", as put by Greater Manchester Poverty Action (GMPA).

Wednesday 13 March, Daily Mail: [Empty homes to pay double council tax](#)

Owners of empty homes will pay double council tax after 12 months, rather than after two years under new plans.

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](#).

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 6 March 2024



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. Update on the 4-Day-Week Trial

Cabinet:

- a) Agreed to continue with four-day week working arrangements for desk-based colleagues (pro rata for part time colleagues) until: (i) information was provided by the Government regarding potential future financial levers they might impose on Councils using this working practice, as announced in their Local Government Financial Settlement consultation in December 2023, and (ii) a subsequent consultation was carried out by the Council, analysed, and all trial data was presented to Full Council for a final decision.
- b) Agreed to continue with four-day week working arrangements for the Waste service operational colleagues (the crews) (pro rata for part time colleagues) until: (i) information was provided by the Government regarding potential future financial levers they might impose on Councils using this working practice, as announced in their Local Government Financial Settlement consultation in December 2023, and (ii) a subsequent consultation was carried out by the Council, analysed, and all trial data was presented to Full Council for a final decision, noting that with a seasonal service, ideally a full year's data was required.
- c) Agreed to undertake a consultation on the four-day week, once the financial implications of the Government's Local Government Financial Settlement consultation were confirmed and all implications of considering adoption of a four-

day week permanently were understood.

- d) Agreed that, for all colleagues working a four-day week (desk-based and waste operations), the hours were harmonised at 32 hours per week (pro rata for part time colleagues) at 86.5% of contracted hours from 1 April 2024.
- e) Noted that the proposal to approve a continuation of a four-day week (pro rata for part time) working model for waste and desk-based colleagues post the end of March 2024, would also be brought to the Strategy and Resources Committee at Cambridge City Council on 25 March 2024, and that both Councils were required to support the decision for the services which were shared (Waste and Planning).
- f) Agreed that an update report to Employment & Staffing Committee, Cabinet and Full Council and Cambridge City council committees, no later than the end of July 2024, would provide data on the trial periods (desk-based and waste), up until the end of March 2024, and information about the ongoing effectiveness, including recruitment and retention, costs and savings of a four-day week working model.

10. Lifeline Service (dispersed scheme) and the financial impact of the digital changeover

Cabinet:

- 1. Approved the recommendation that the Council bring the Dispersed Lifeline service to an end.
- 2. Agreed that the proposed increase to the fees for 2024/25, as agreed in the Cabinet report from 5th December 2023, are not activated so that colleagues could focus on assisting customers to find an alternative supplier.
- 3. Agreed a three-month notice period for bringing the service to an end, so that the Council's customers had sufficient time to find another service and the Council could offer help and assistance where needed.

11. Homelessness Strategy

Cabinet:

- g) Agreed to continue with four-day week working arrangements for desk-based colleagues (pro rata for part time colleagues) until: (i) information was provided by the Government regarding potential future financial levers they might impose on Councils using this working practice, as announced in their Local Government Financial Settlement consultation in December 2023, and (ii) a subsequent consultation was carried out by the Council, analysed, and all trial data was presented to Full Council for a final decision.
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12. Amendment to the Zero Carbon Communities Grant Criteria

Cabinet approved the proposed amendments to the guidance, to come into effect for the 2024-2025 grant cycle.

13. ATM (Automated Teller Machine) Target Hardening Project

Cabinet agreed:

- a) To progress work, from 1 April 2024, to protect the ATM identified at the Co-op in School Lane, Cambourne.
- b) To delegate to the Head of Transformation, HR and Corporate Services, in consultation with the Lead Member for Communities, decisions to proceed with increasing protection to ATM following assessment of additional sites within the approved £100,000 budget, ensuring local district councillors and parish/town councils have been engaged.

14. Mobile Warden Schemes - Additional Grant Funding to Support Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Schemes for 2024-25

Cabinet agreed a supplementary estimate of £100,000 to fund Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to provide continuity of service to the 11 South Cambridgeshire Mobile and Community Warden Schemes during 2024-25.

15. Greater Cambridge Local Plan Timetable

Cabinet agreed that:

- a) The Local Plan Timetable Update at Appendix 1 be added as an Addendum to the Greater Cambridge Development Scheme 2022 and published on the Greater Cambridge Planning website.
- b) the Lead Member for Planning at South Cambridgeshire District Council would write to DLUHC, together with the Executive Councillor for Planning, Building Control and Infrastructure at Cambridge City Council, providing an update on the plan making timetable for Greater Cambridge reflecting the contents of this report.
- c) the Greater Cambridge local planning authorities should explore further with Government the opportunity to be a 'front-runner' pilot for the new plan-making process.
- d) a further report with a proposed specific timetable for both plans be brought to Members when there was clarity on the external dependencies of water, transport the WWTP DCO and the new plan-making system.

16. Statement of Community Involvement (follow this link to view the General Exception Notice)

Cabinet:

- a) Noted the main issues raised in the public consultation, agreed responses to the representations received and agreed proposed changes to the Statement of Community Involvement as set out in the Statement of Consultation (Appendix 1 to the report);
- b) Subject to (a), agreed to adopt the amended Greater Cambridge Statement of Community Involvement (Appendix 2 to the report); and
- c) Delegated to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning, the authority to make any necessary editing changes to the SCI prior to publication.

17. Consultation on reforms to social housing allocations

The Lead Cabinet Member for Housing **agreed** to agree our response to consultation on reforms to social housing allocations.

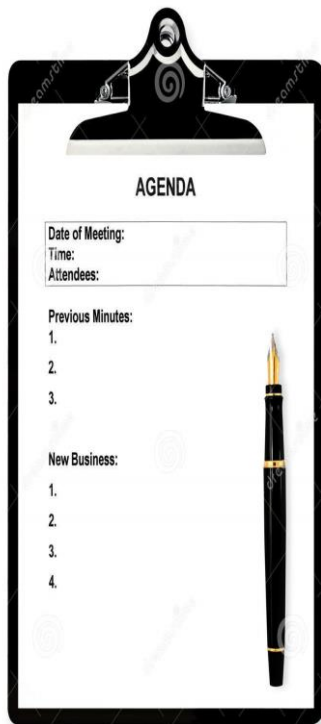
The deadline for call-in is 15 March.

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

18. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

[Audit & Corporate Governance Committee
19 March](#)

Decisions

[Cabinet 12 March](#)
[Consultation on reforms to social housing
allocations](#)

Minutes

[Planning Committee 14 February](#)

19. The Council's Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Tanuja Maheswan
Job title: Technical Support Officer
Date started: 11 March 2024

Name: Paul Sewell
Job title: Refuse & Recycling Operative
Date started: 12 March 2024

Staff who have moved jobs

Name: Claire Perry
New job: Housing Advice & Homelessness Officer
Date transferred: 3 March 2024

Name: Conor Slater
New job: Support Administrator
Date transferred: 4 March 2024



Staff who have left

Name: Linda Ahern
Date leaving: 31 March 2024

Name: Ciaran Davis
Date left: 12 March 2024

Name: Jess Hague
Date leaving: 15 March 2024

Name: Pauline Hill
Date leaving: 29 March 2024

Name: Rose Woods
Date left: 5 March 2024