



**Councillors' Bulletin
Wednesday, 27 March 2024**

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South
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District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 28 March to Friday 12 April 2024

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 28 Mar	10 am	Grants Advisory Committee	Council Chamber	Laurence Damary-Homan
Fri 29 Mar	-	-	-	-
Mon 1 Apr	-	-	-	-
Tue 2 Apr	-	-	-	-
Wed 3 Apr	-	-	-	-
Thu 4 Apr	-	-	-	-
Fri 5 Apr	-	-	-	-
Mon 8 Apr	-	-	-	-
Tue 9 Apr	-	-	-	-
Wed 10 Apr	10 am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Laurence Damary-Homan
Thu 11 Apr	2 pm	Climate and Environment Committee	Council Chamber	Laurence Damary-Homan
Fri 12 Apr	-	-	-	-

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2. 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	
3/21/2024	Royston Crow online	South Cambridgeshire District Council celebrates 50 years	-
3/21/2024	Yahoo News online	Full list of average council tax in England in 2024/25, by local authority	-
3/21/2024	Cambridge News print	Move to disband tainted GCP	P1 &

		is rejected	5
3/21/2024	Cambridge News print	Dad in 80s forced to sleep in front room for warmth	P5
3/21/2024	Cambridge Independent online	£250m redevelopment of Melbourn Science Park approved, with new labs, pub, hotel and village green	-
3/22/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	Five year plan to make the air cleaner across Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire	-
3/22/2024	Cambridge Network online	Golden Anniversary for South Cambridgeshire District Council	-
4/22/2024	Cambridge Network online	Could AI make travelling in Cambridge better?	-
3/22/2024	Cambs Times online	Steve Count: Greater Cambridge Partnership disbanding motion	-
3/22/2024	Royston Crow online	What is being done to improve air quality in South Cambs?	-
3/22/2024	Hunts Post online	Gamlingay Lesiure membership rises and new equipment	-
3/23/2024	BBC Online	Cambridge: new air-quality strategy for city wins approval	-
3/23/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Call for the Greater Cambridge Partnership to be scrapped, but supporters say best is to come	-
3/23/2024	Star Radio online	Cleaner air plan supported by City & District Councils	-
4/23/2024	Cambsnews online	A legacy of service, innovation and progress' says South Cambridgeshire District Council as it turns 50	-
4/23/2025	Cambridge News print	Council celebrates 50 years of service	P1, 4 & 5
4/24/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	Easter bank holiday bin collections for Cambridge, Peterborough, and Huntingdon	-
3/25/2024	That's TV	Interview with Cllr Peter Fane on 50th anniversary of SCDC	-
3/25/2024	Cambridge Network online	Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme launches	-

3/25/2024	UK Authority Online	Cambridgeshire and Oxfordshire to use machine learning to monitor transport	-
3/25/2024	Cambridge News print	Five year plan for air quality	P1 & 7
3/25/2024	Cambridge News print	Mayor tours city sites earmarked for £4.5m funding	P4 & 5
3/25/2024	Cambsnews online	Greater Cambridge Partnership bid to make daily travel 'better, greener, and faster'	-
3/25/2024	Smart Cities World online	UK counties team to use AI to improve decision-making	-
3/25/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Greater Cambridge Partnership chief executive Rachel Stopard to retire	-
3/25/2024	Cambsnews online	Greater Cambridge Partnership bid to make daily travel 'better, greener, and faster'	-
3/25/2024	Cambridge Network online	Latest research shows sustained employment growth across the region's diverse economy	-
3/26/2024	Cambridge News print	Fitness facility with increasing membership	P12
3/27/2024	Cambridge Independent print	How bad is the air pollution in Greater Cambridge and what is causing it?	P8-9
3/27/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Cambourne marks festival of colour	P10
3/27/2024	Cambridge Independent print	District Council marks 50 years of serving South Cambridgeshire	P18
3/27/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Grant scheme open for green initiatives	P19

3. 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 21 March, Times: [Disparity in council tax costs](#)

Households in northeast England will pay up to £429 more than those in equivalent properties in London under council tax rises.

Thursday 21 March, Financial Times: [Council tax bills across England rise by maximum allowed](#)

Nearly all local authorities in England are raising council taxes by the maximum amount permitted, according to new data.

Saturday 23 March, BBC News: [High rural house prices force more locals into renting](#)

Rising house prices in the English countryside have pushed more than half a million people into renting over the past decade, a new report has found.

Sunday 24 March, Guardian: [Planned cuts to shelters in England will cost lives, say homeless people](#)

Council Funding crisis threatens hostels and support workers from next month.

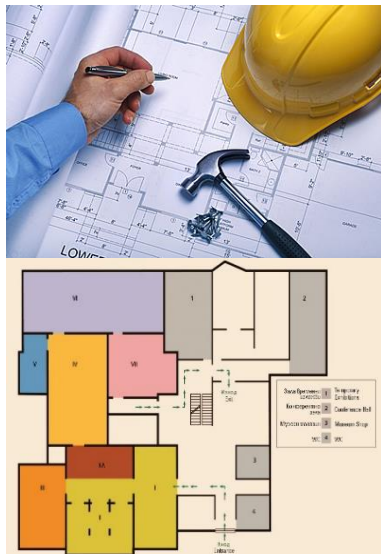
Wednesday 27 March, Guardian: [Raw sewage discharges](#)

Environment Agency data is expected to show that more than four million hours of raw sewage discharges poured into rivers and seas in England last year, a 129% increase on the previous 12 months.

Wednesday 27 March, New Statesman: [Two thirds of councils on course to miss climate targets](#)

New LGA polling has found that two thirds of councils are not confident of hitting their climate targets, more than half won't bid for net zero funding because it's too expensive.

4. 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.



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'](#).

5. **Response to Government Consultation: Strengthening planning policy for brownfield development**

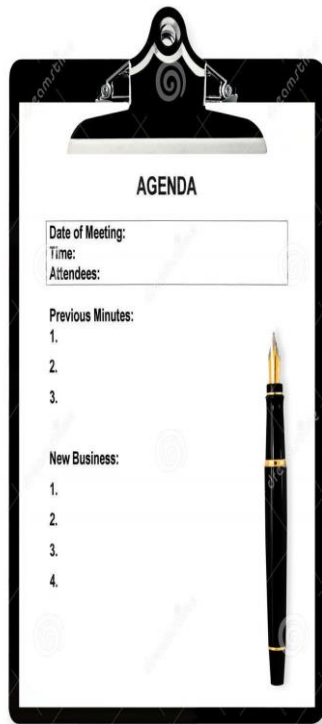
6. **Response to government consultation on a direction to the Regulator of Social Housing to set a competence and conduct Standard for social housing**

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

7. **Newly-Published Items on modern.gov**



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