



**Councillors' Bulletin  
Wednesday, 3 April 2024**

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South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 04 April to Friday 19 April 2024**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 04 Apr	-	-	-	-
Fri 05 Apr	-	-	-	-
Mon 08 Apr	-	-	-	-
Tue 09 Apr	-	-	-	-
Wed 10 Apr	10 am	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Laurence Damary-Homan</a>
Thu 11 Apr	2 pm	<a href="#">Climate and Environment Advisory Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Laurence Damary-Homan</a>
Fri 12	-	-	-	-
Mon 15	-	-	-	-
Tue 16	10am	<a href="#">Cabinet</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Pippa Turvey</a>
Wed 17	-	-	-	-
Thu 18	-	-	-	-
Fri 19	-	-	-	-

**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	Description	Link
27/03/2024	Herald online	Oxfordshire to implement AI to reduce road traffic	-
27/03/2024	Cambridge Independent online	The Cambridge Don is sent down: Council orders removal of controversial £150,000 sculpture	-
27/03/2024	Guardian online	Cambridge council orders removal of 'poorest quality' statue of Prince Philip	-
27/03/2024	ITVX online	Controversial 'poorest quality' Prince Philip statue must be torn down, Cambridge council orders	-
27/03/2024	Yahoo News online	Prince Philip statue to be removed after Cambridge council brands it 'poorest quality work'	-
27/03/2024	Independent online	Prince Philip statue branded 'worst artwork ever seen' to be torn down by Cambridge Council	-
27/03/2024	Oxford Mail online	There will be drop-in events for people to learn about building the East West Railway.	-
27/03/2024	Bicester Advertiser online	Learn about the East West Railway project with public events	-
28/03/2024	Cambridge News print	Climate change grant scheme	P6
29/03/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Government to create dedicated growth company for Cambridge to speed up development	-
29/03/2024	Cambridge News print	Unloved 'Don' could be gone later in year	P9
30/03/2024	Financial Times online	Cambridge innovation hub at risk from lack of infrastructure, warn businesses	-
03/04/2024	Cambridge Independent print	GCP faces Greenway challenge	<a href="#">P11</a>
03/04/2024	Cambridge News print	New blue print gives communities a say on planning matters	P1 & 5
03/04/2024	Cambridge Independent online	How bad is the air pollution in Greater Cambridge – and what is causing it?	-

### 3. Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)



#### Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)

The Local Government Association provides a list of news headlines relevant to its members. Please click the headlines below for more details.

**Wednesday 27 March, Guardian: [Regulators urged to act over water companies' record sewage discharge](#)**

Government asked to “put people and planet before profits” as analysis shows potential illegal discharging of raw sewage.

**Friday 29 March, iNews: [16 million miles of England's bus routes axed](#)**

Bus services supported by councils have been reduced by more than 90 per cent over the last decade, analysis by iNews has revealed.

**Saturday 30 March, Guardian: [Affordable housing residents pay thousands extra in service charge](#)**

Some of the UK's largest housing providers have increased annual service charges by thousands of pounds, an Observer investigation has found.

**Saturday 30 March, Guardian: [England's parishes and towns raise council tax surcharge to fund scrapped local services](#)**

Parish and town councils will spend almost £800 million in the next financial year after increasing their average council tax surcharge by 8.5 per cent, according to official figures.

**Monday 1 April, Sky News: [Sewage was spilled into rivers and sea 'safe for bathing' 86 times a day last year](#)**

Sewage was dumped into rivers, lakes and on beaches designated 'safe to bathe in' 86 times a day on average in 2023, analysis has suggested.

**Monday 1 April, Guardian: [Three-quarters of children want more time in nature, says National Trust](#)**

Charity publishes survey findings as it calls for youngsters to be no more than a 15-minute walk from green spaces.

**Tuesday 2 April, Sky News: [England soaked by record rainfall in last 18 months, new Met Office figures show](#)**

England saw the highest level of rainfall over any 18-month period since Met Office data began back in 1836.

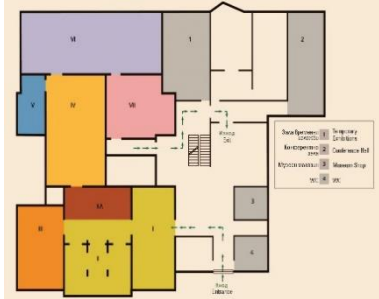
**Tuesday 2 April, Express: [Taxpayers spending millions of pounds each year to clean blighted communities, MP warns](#)**

Around 3,000 instances of fly-tipping are reported each day in England – costing local authorities up to £58 million each year, the LGA has said.

**Tuesday 2 April, Guardian: [UK ministers urged to scrap law requiring councillors to publish home address](#)**

Some councillors have warned that a recent rise in abuse and threats, often through social media, is forcing large numbers of women to quit as councillors after one term. LGA data shows 82 per cent of all councillors said they felt at risk at in 2023, up from 73 per cent a year before.

#### 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.

#### Executive Decisions Taken Since Wednesday ...



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'](#).

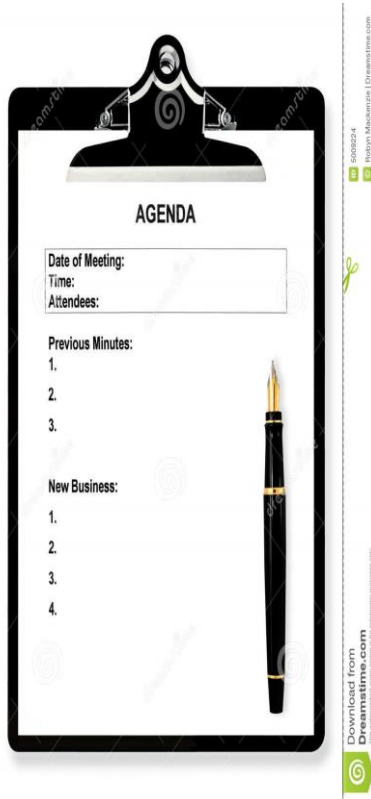
#### 5. Response to Government Consultation: Changes to various permitted development rights

#### 6. Community Chest Grants

## Decisions Made By Officers and Reported For Information

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

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



#### Agendas

[Planning Committee, 10 April](#)

[CEAC, 11 April](#)

#### Decisions

[Response to Government Consultation: Changes to various permitted development rights](#)

[Community Chest Grants](#)

#### Minutes

[CEAC, 13 February](#)

#### Plans

[Cabinet Forward Plan, April 2024](#)