



Councillors' Bulletin Wednesday, 17 April 2024

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 18 April to Friday 3 May

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 18 Apr	-	-	-	-
Fri 19 Apr	-	-	-	-
Mon 22 Apr	-	-	-	-
Tue 23 Apr	-	-	-	-
Wed 24 Apr	-	-	-	-
Thu 25 Apr	10 am	Grants Advisory Committee	Swansley Room	Laurence Damary-Homan
Fri 26 Apr	-	-	-	-
Mon 29 Apr	-	-	-	-
Tue 30 Apr	-	-	-	-
Wed 1 May	-	-	-	-
Thu 2 May	-	-	-	-
Fri 3 May	-	-	-	-

Information for District Councillors and Parish Councils

2. Modern Slavery Awareness Session (online) - Thursday 18 April

Policing colleagues from the Specialist Crime Team are hosting events under their SOC Fusion work which encourages and facilitates a partnership approach to tackling Serious & Organised Crime. They are hosting awareness-raising Knowledge Events quarterly this year, for frontline staff but also anyone who would like to better understand the signs and symptoms that we can be aware of in our communities, and how best to work with police to tackle these issues.

These events are all 2:30pm – 4pm on Teams:

18 April Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking – join here: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

18 July County Lines and criminal exploitation

17 Oct Serious Organised Acquisitive Crime

12 Dec Awareness of fraud /money laundering / economic crime.

For calendar invites, links to later dates, and/or any questions or problems please email communitysafety@scambs.gov.uk

General Information

3. 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	-	-
11/04/2024	Property 118	Council to revamp its landlord incentive scheme to help Ukrainian refugees	Link	-
11/04/2024	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Interview with Communications and Communities Service Manager Gareth Bell about improved Homes 4 Ukraine Landlord scheme	Link	Dotty Mcleod show at 8.09am and news bulletins
11/04/2024	Cambridge Network online	Strategically located 343,000 sq ft Cambridge Discovery Campus given go ahead by planners	Link	-
11/04/2024	HI Hub online	4-day week to continue but public consultation is on ice	Link	-
11/04/2024	Daily Mail print	First they came for hoop earrings then Dr Seuss, now guilt laden liberals are claiming a four day week is racist	P15	-
11/04/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	New development on outskirts of village that could create more than 270 jobs approved	Link	-
11/04/2024	Business Weekly online	Planners back new science and innovation campus in Cambridge	Link	-
11/04/2024	Cambridge Network online	Strategically located 343,000 sq ft Cambridge Discovery Campus given go ahead by planners	Link	-
11/04/2024	BBC News online	New science campus approved for abandoned Hauxton sewage works	Link	-
11/04/2024	Econostrum online	Four-Day Work Week Debate: Is the UK Public Sector Putting Economic Resilience at Stake?	Link	Reference to SCDC 4 day week trial
11/04/2024	Planning Resource online	Ten key things you need to know from the past week	Link	Reference to emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan
12/04/2024	Royston Crow online	Rural England Prosperity Fund to benefit South Cambs	Link	-
12/04/2024	Greatest Hits Radio online	'Post apocalyptic sewage works' to be turned into new life science campus in South Cambridgeshire	Link	-
12/04/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Environment Agency objects to new Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital over water	Link	-
12/04/2024	Ely Standard online	Sawston: Research and office buildings go ahead on West Way	Link	-
12/04/2024	Planet Radio online	'Post apocalyptic sewage works' to be turned into new life science campus in South Cambridgeshire	Link	-
12/04/2024	Savills online	Former Cottenham Racecourse to north of Cambridge on the market for £2.375m	Link	-
12/04/2024	Star Radio online	Plans to turn Hauxton sewage works into science park	Link	-
13/04/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	Plans to make award-winning Cambridgeshire pub more enjoyable for diners given green light	Link	-
13/04/2024	Cambridge News print	New life for sewage works	P1 & 4	-

13/04/2024	Ely Standard online	Hauxton: Cambridge Road sewage works to be science campus	Link	-
14/04/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	Green light for next phase of 1,200 home Cambridge 'neighbourhood'	Link	-
14/04/2024	BBC Online	Development that 'could create 270 jobs' approved	Link	-
15/04/2024	Cambridge News print	Council says approved research buildings could create jobs	P4	-
15/04/2024	Planning Building Control Today PCB	South Cambridge science park wins outline planning approval	Link	-
15/04/2024	Unherd online	Michael Gove's folly	Link	GCSP
15/04/2024	Construction News online	Water scarcity threatens £300m Laing hospital	Link	GCSP
16/04/2024	AR Urbanism online	Case study: Northstowe community centres	Link	-
16/04/2024	The Drinks Business online	EuroMillions winner plants English vineyard	Link	-
17/04/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Post-apocalyptic' sewage site to become life science campus	P17	-
17/04/2024	Cambridge Independent print	R&D buildings approved for Sawston	P17	-

4. 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 11 April, Sky News: [Voter ID](#)

Analysis by the campaigning group Best for Britain shows that 14,000 people were turned away from polling booths in the 2023 local elections due to a lack of awareness over Voter ID requirements.

Thursday 11 April, Times: [Farmers warn of food crisis](#)

Swathes of the country were under flood warnings on Wednesday as farmers warned of a food production "crisis" after months of heavy rain and repeated storms.

Friday 12 April, ITV Tonight: [Fly tipping](#)

The number of fixed penalty notices issued in relation to fly tipping offences has dropped by 25 per cent coupled with a 17 per cent decrease in court fines according to government statistics.

Saturday 13 April, Sky: [Climate change likely to cause increase in ticks](#)

Climate change is likely to increase the activity and distribution of ticks in the UK, which could lead to a rise in the diseases they carry, according to the UK Health Security Agency.

Sunday 14 April, Independent: [Homes for Ukraine](#)

Ukrainian refugees were sent to live with suspected gangsters under the Homes for Ukraine scheme, an investigation by the Independent found.

Monday 15 April, Evening Standard: [Homelessness pressures](#)

Councils face a £300 million funding gap to support their efforts to tackle homelessness, the charity Centrepoint has claimed.

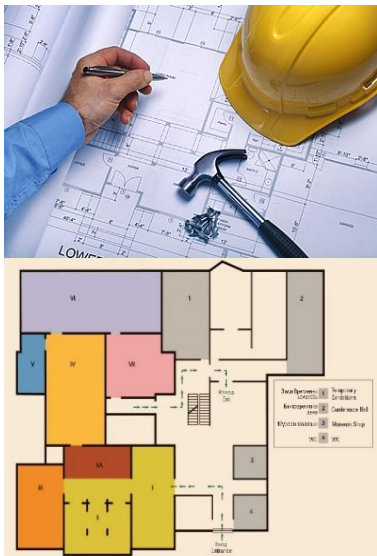
Monday 15 April, Telegraph: [Investing in nature essential for national security](#)

Investing in nature is “essential for national security”, Tony Juniper, the Chairman of Natural England has said.

Tuesday 16 April, ITV News: [Council tax arrears](#)

Freedom of Information requests have revealed a 70 per cent rise in the total amount of council tax arrears over the last 5 years, with almost 600,000 residents referred to bailiffs.

5. 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 10 April 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’](#).

6. Community Chest Grants - Hope Against Poverty

The Lead Cabinet Member for Resources agreed to award a grant of £2,000 to Hope Against Poverty. This decision was originally deferred, to allow time for additional information to be provided, which has now been received.

This decision was first taken on 10 April and so the deadline for call-in is 17 April.

7. Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Housing Land Supply Report

That the Lead Cabinet Member for Planning agrees:

- A)** the Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Housing Land Supply Report (Appendix 1 of this decision) to be published on the Councils' shared planning service website.

- B)** to delegate any further minor editing changes to the Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Housing Land Supply Report to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development where they are technical matters.

This decision was first taken on 10 April and so the deadline for call-in is 17 April.

8. Peer Review Action Plan

- A)** Cabinet approved the action plan in Appendix 1 to the report.
- B)** Cabinet further agreed that progress against the plan would be reported alongside the quarterly Key Performance Indicators until complete.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 16 April and so the deadline for call-in is Tuesday 23 April.

9. Proposed administration of the Northstowe Community Activation Grant Fund on behalf of Homes England, criteria and award process

Cabinet:

- A)** Approved the Council administering Homes England's Activation Grant Fund as set out in paragraphs 8-10 of the report.
- B)** Approved the scheme criteria and guidance for the Community Activation Fund as set out in Appendix A to the report.

This decision was first published on 16 April and so the deadline for call-in is 23 April.

10. Low-income Family Tracker (LIFT)

Cabinet agreed:

- A)** Purchasing a two-year license for the Low-Income Family Tracker platform at a cost of £53,000.
- B)** Employing an additional two-year fixed term Development Officer, at a total cost of £104,000, to manage and maintain the system and coordinate projects across the Council.
- C)** A budget of £30,000 to support the benefits take up campaign with direct mailshots.

This decision was first published on 16 April and so the deadline for call-ion is 23 April.

11. Homes for Ukraine – Landlord Incentive Scheme Revision

Cabinet agreed the revised Homes for Ukraine Landlord Incentive Scheme Policy, as set out in Appendix A to the report.

This decision was first published on 16 April and so the deadline for call-in is 23 April.

12. Acquisition of 33no. affordable homes, Cottenham

Cabinet approved the acquisition, authorising the Service Manager – Acquisitions and Development to proceed to contract with the developer (Redrow).

Cabinet approved the onward sale of the relevant Shared Ownership homes (4).

This decision was first published on 16 April and so the deadline for call-in is 17 April.

13. Acquisition of 45no. Affordable Homes, Barrington (see Part 2 below)

Cabinet approved the acquisition, authorising the Service Manager – Acquisitions and Development to proceed to contract with the developer (Redrow).

Cabinet approved the onward sale of the relevant Shared Ownership homes (13).

This decision was first published on 16 April and so the deadline for call-in is 23 April.

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

14. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



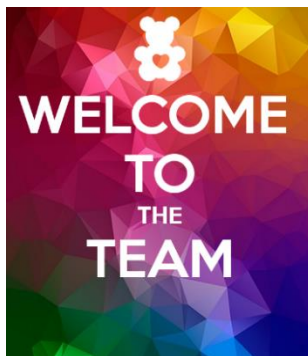
Decisions

- [Community Chest Grants](#)
- [Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Housing Land Supply Report](#)
- [Ukraine Small Grant \(Graduation Party\)](#)
- [Ukraine Small Grant \(Art Therapy\)](#)
- [Ukraine Small Grant \(Art session\)](#)
- [Ukraine Small Grant \(OASISS dry trip\)](#)
- [Cabinet 16 April](#)

Library Items

- [Members' Allowances 2023/24](#)

15. The Council's Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Sam Hathaway
Job title: Refuse & Recycling Operative
Date started: 16 April

Name: Natalie Thomas
Job title: Business Support Officer (Environment)
Date starting: 22 April 2024

Staff who have left

Name: Kathryn Beck
Date left: 14 April 2024

Name: Samantha Davies
Date left: 8 April 2024

Name: Katie Roberts
Date left: 21 April 2024

Name: Louise Walpole
Date left: 28 April 2024

