



**Councillors' Bulletin  
Wednesday, 1 May 2024**

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South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 2 May to Friday 17 May 2024**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 2 May	-	-	-	-
Fri 3 May	-	-	-	-
Mon 6 May	-	-	-	-
Tue 7 May	-	-	-	-
Wed 8 May	10 am	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Laurence Damary-Homan</a>
Thu 9 May	-	-	-	-
Fri 10 May	-	-	-	-
Mon 13 May	-	-	-	-
Tue 14 May	-	-	-	-
Wed 15 May	-	-	-	-
Thu 16 May	10 am	<a href="#">Audit &amp; Corporate Governance Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
	5:30 pm	<a href="#">Scrutiny &amp; Overview Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Fri 17 May	-	-	-	-

**Information for District Councillors and Parish Councils**

**2. County Lines (and exploitation of young people) awareness from South Cambs Community Safety Partnership (CSP)**

A relationship between a drug dealer and a local young person may begin in a way that feels friendly and beneficial to the young person, and so they may not tell their parents the details, or realise they are at risk. The South Cambs CSP, led by officers within SCDC, are hosting [Ivison Trust](#) who have a wealth of experience supporting families, to raise awareness of signs to look out for and ways to find support.

The session will take place at [Cambourne Soul](#) on **Weds 8th May from 6:30pm**. You can find more details here: [County Lines Awareness in Cambridgeshire - Free Parent Session Tickets, Wed 8 May 2024 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#). The session is open to over 18s from across the district, we hope to host further sessions in other areas and any questions can be directed to [communitysafety@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@scambs.gov.uk). Please do advertise this session to your residents (there is also a [Facebook](#) event for ease of advertising)

## 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	-	-
25/04/2024	Construction Enquirer online	Gove approves major Cambridge North mixed-use scheme	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
25/04/2024	Building magazine online	Controversial Cambridge scheme gets green light from Gove	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
25/04/2024	BBC Politics Live	Discussion around longer school days - including mention of SCDC four day week trial	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
25/04/2024	Planning Resource online	Minister cites 80% biodiversity gain in allowing 425-home scheme despite heritage harm	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
25/04/2024	Horse and Hound online	Something a little different – make this former racecourse your own, set in over 200 acres with exciting planning permission	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
25/04/2024	Planet Radio online	Gove green lights 400 homes and science buildings in Cambridge	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
25/04/2024	BBC Online	Plans for more than 400 homes given the go-ahead	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
26/04/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Michael Gove's plan for 150,000 homes in Cambridge region is declared 'foolish'	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
26/04/2024	Cambridge Network online	Plans approved for brownfield land at Cambridge North	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
26/04/2024	Star Radio online	Apartment blocks approved at Cambridge North train station	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
26/04/2024	Planet Radio online	Apartment blocks approved at Cambridge North train station	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
26/04/2024	Planning Resource online	Secretary of state approves Cambridge mixed-use scheme featuring new lab space	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
27/04/2024	Cambridge News online	Major development on edge of Cambridge gets green light from Secretary of State	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
27/04/2024	Cambridge News online	Objections raised over proposed new housing development in village near Cambridge	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
29/04/2024	ENDS report online	Water neutrality: Minister approves 425-home Cambridge scheme despite EA objection	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
01/05/2024	Cambridge News print	Hotel of 'stately grandeur' set to be demolished	P6	-
01/05/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Charity is dismayed at Gove's decision to back 'great wall'	P4	-
01/05/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Cllr Bridget Smith column: Don't take your right to vote for granted - cherish it and use it	P26 & P27	-

#### 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.

**Friday 26 April, Politics Home: [Abuse of councillors](#)**

The Government should introduce legislation that would allow a council to proactively withhold councillors' home addresses from the public register of interests "as soon as possible", the LGA has said.

**Friday 26 April, Sky News: [Net-zero](#)**

Chris Stark, outgoing Chair of the UK Climate Change Committee, has said "net-zero" is the science-based goal which must be the focus of UK climate change policies.

**Monday 29 April, Times Radio: [Local elections](#)**

LGA Vice Chair, Cllr Joe Harris spoke to Times Radio yesterday ahead of polling day on Thursday, about the importance of voting in the local election.

**Tuesday 30 April, Times: [Oflog data used to compare council performance](#)**

Data has been published by the Office for Local Government (Oflog) measuring councils in 27 categories in five main areas: waste management, corporate and finance, adult social, planning and roads.

**Tuesday 30 April, Telegraph: [Homeless households placed out of area](#)**

An article about out of area housing placements for homeless households references the LGA's local government out of area placements guide published in January 2023.

**Wednesday 1 May, FT: [Council funding](#)**

The LGA's previous analysis of the funding gap facing English councils was reported in an article on local government funding pressures and the difficult budget decisions councils have had to take this year.

**Wednesday 1 May, Times: [Planning applications](#)**

Property data provider Search Acumen has analysed government statistics on the number of major planning application granted by councils last year.

#### 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 24 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. **Small grants for Community Growing Projects**

Lead Cabinet Member for Resources **agreed** to set a small grants fund totalling £5,000 to support cost of living projects.

This decision was first published on 29 April and so the deadline for call-in is 7 May, a day later than usual due to the bank holiday on Monday 6 May.

### 7. **Community Chest Grants**

The Lead Cabinet Member for Resources **agreed** to accept the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Committee.

This decision was first published on 30 April and so the deadline for call-in is 8 May, a day later due to the bank holiday on Monday 6 May.

### 8. **Greater Cambridge Air Quality Strategy**

The Lead Cabinet Member for Environment Services and Licensing **agreed** to adopt the Greater Cambridge Air Quality Strategy, which is a joint strategy with Cambridge City Council.

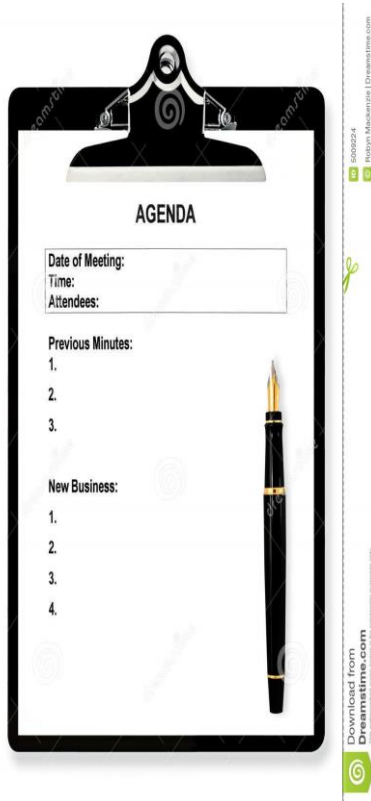
This decision was first published on 30 April and so the deadline for calling-in this decision is 8 May, a day later than usual due to the bank holiday on Monday 6 May.

### 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

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



#### Agendas

[Planning Committee 8 May](#)

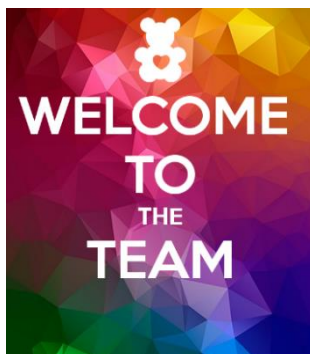
#### Decisions

[Stapleford & Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan](#)

[Greater Cambridge Air Quality Strategy](#)

[Community Chest Grants](#)

#### 10. The Council's Starters and Leavers



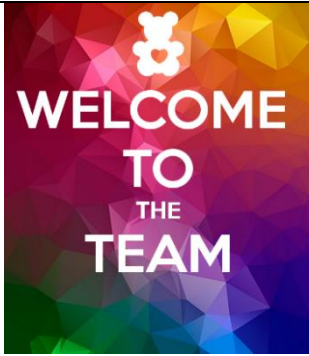
#### New Employees at the Council

Name: Zoe Lane  
Job title: Senior Revenues Recovery Officer  
Date starting: 6 May 2024

Name: Kelly Menezes  
Job title: Planning Assistant (Validation)  
Date started: 29 April 2024

Name: Ian Papworth  
Job title: Planning Assistant (Validation)  
Date started: 29 April 2024

Name: Yolanda Rusted  
Job title: Housing Temp  
Date started: 25 April 2024



Name: Keeren Wesbroom  
Job title: Planning Assistant (Validation)  
Date started 29 April 2024