

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER
2008**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from 16 October to 31 October 2008

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 16 Oct	7pm	Training Session: Local Government Finance Explained pt2	Swansley Room	Jackie Sayers
Fri 17 Oct	12 noon	Horizon's Lunchtime Seminar	Rampart Room, Shire Hall	Michelle Hawker
Mon 20 Oct	10am	Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Tue 21 Oct				
Wed 22 Oct	10am	Licensing (2003 Act) Sub-Committee	Jeavons Room	Maggie Jennings
Thu 23 Oct	10am	Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny	March Youth and Community Centre	Ruth Yule
	2pm	Planning Sub-Committee	Swansley Room	Ian Senior
Fri 24 Oct				
Mon 27 Oct	10am	South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership	Swansley Room	Maggie Jennings
Tue 28 Oct	9:30am	Training Session: Renewable Energy	Smartlife Centre	Louise Dailly
	7pm	Training Session: Financial Management	Swansley Room	Jackie Sayers
Wed 29 Oct				
Thu 30 Oct				
Fri 31 Oct				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2. Local Government Finance Explained - pt2

Please note, Part 2 of the training session *Local Government Finance Explained* will now be held on **Thursday 16 October at 7pm in the Swansley Room.**

3. Cambridgeshire Horizon's Lunchtime Seminar

A quick reminder that there are still some spaces left at the special lunchtime seminar on Friday (17th October) about the growth agenda in Cambridgeshire, and the role Cambridgeshire Horizons plays in driving forward sustainable growth in the county.

Alex Plant, Chief Executive of Horizons, and John Onslow, Director for Development, will present an overview of the planned growth for Cambridgeshire followed by an insiders' view of Horizons - giving you a unique opportunity to find out what Horizons does, who works within the team, which posts Horizons funds within your council, and how we fit into the overall growth agenda. Everyone who attends the seminar will also be given a printed guide to Delivery Plans, which explains how we use these vital documents to drive delivery of major housing developments.

Location: Rampart Room, Cambridgeshire County Council
Time: 12 o'clock, with lunch served at 1pm
Date: Friday 17th October

Spaces at this event are limited, so to book your free place, or for more information, please email Michelle Hawker at michelle.hawker@cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk or call 01223 714058.

Please confirm your attendance by midday Thursday 16th October .

We look forward to seeing you.

Kind Regards
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4. **Member Development Survey**

Member Development Survey reminder

More than half of Members have completed and returned their training and development surveys. Thank you. This is a very good response; however, to make it even better, we're keen to hear from Members who've yet to respond. The survey is quick and easy to complete and can be accessed by double-clicking on the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Ok5xAQ4GS5xJDXzb0O4WcQ_3d_3d

If you'd prefer a hard copy of the questionnaire, please don't hesitate to ask Democratic Services on (01954) 713016, e-mail democratic.services@scambs.gov.uk

The deadline for responses is **Friday 31 October 2008**.

5. **Cancellation of Constitution Review Working Party**

With the Chairman's agreement, the meeting of the working party scheduled to take place on Tuesday 21 October 2008 has been **cancelled** due to a lack of business to be considered.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 13 January 2009.

Kind regards

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GENERAL INFORMATION

6. Rural Services Network Weekly Digest

The Rural Services Network is a group of over 250 service providers and local authorities working to establish best practice across the spectrum of rural service provision. The network has representation across the complete range of rural services. For general comments or enquiries, email: editor@ruralcity.co.uk

Latest news

THE government unveils new powers to help keep rural homes affordable.

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RURAL councils are among local authorities that invested in troubled Icelandic banks.

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ENGLAND'S upland communities are in danger of dying out, says the government's rural watchdog.

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A £2m programme aims to help sustain and revitalise England's market towns.

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Events

[Managing Migration - Learning the Lessons \(London\)](#)

16 October, 2008

[RICS Rural Conference \(Harrogate\)](#)

23 October, 2008

[Rural Services 2020: the challenge of sustaining rural communities](#)

24 October, 2008

[Countryside Recreation Network conference \(London\)](#)

03 December, 2008

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7. Weekly Planning List

To view the list of planning applications submitted in the past seven days, please visit the Council's on-line [Planning Application Search](#). Once the page has loaded, select the relevant parish from the drop-down list, set the date period to '7 days' and click the Search button **or** click the Advanced button, select a ward from the drop-down list, then set the date period to '7 days' and click the Search button.

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. Each page displays 30 results and there are navigation tools to allow you to browse these results.

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE 8 OCTOBER 2008

In accordance with the [Access to Information Procedure Rules](#), 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](#).

Cabinet decisions were published on Friday 10 October 2008 and therefore the [Democratic Services Manager](#) must be notified of any call in by **5pm, Friday 17 October 2008**. All Cabinet decisions not called in by this date may be implemented on **Monday 20 October 2008**.

Any member considering calling in a decision is requested to contact the [Democratic Services Section](#) to determine whether any relevant amendments have been incorporated.

The call in procedure is set out in full in [Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, 'Scrutiny and Overview Committee Procedure Rules'](#), paragraph 12.

8. Council Aims, Approaches and Actions

Cabinet **RECOMMENDED** to Council:

1. That the Aims, Approaches and Actions, set out in the Appendix to the report, be adopted with effect from 1 April 2009;
2. That the Corporate Plan, existing service plans and strategies based on the current Corporate Objectives remain in force until they would normally be revised;
3. That, for the remainder of the current financial year, new and revised policies and strategies should be tested for compatibility with the Aims, Approaches and Actions agreed in (1) above, and also with the existing Corporate Objectives.

9. RECAP Waste Strategy

Cabinet **AGREED** to adopt the RECAP Revised Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy as Council policy.

Cabinet delegated authority to the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder to set a more challenging target in the recycling of waste for this Council than that agreed with local authorities in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

10. Grant Policy for Phase II of Private Sector Housing renewal strategy

1: Cabinet **AGREED**:

- a) The introduction of a Category 1 Hazard Loan, termed Major Renovation Loan, to vulnerable owner-occupiers of properties identified as have Category 1 hazards under the Housing Health and Safety Rating System.

- b) The introduction of a Replacement Boiler Grant, and the eligibility criteria for the replacement boiler grant.
- c) That the Home Improvement Agency administer the Boiler Replacement Grant and Major Renovation Loan.
- d) That delegated authority be given to the Corporate Manager (Health and Environmental Services), in consultation with the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder, to approve loan assistance in exceptional cases falling outside of the agreed policy framework.
- e) That authority to determine whether interest would be charged on the loan be delegated to the Environment Services Portfolio Holder.
- f) That authority be delegated to the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder to ensure a suitable length of residency following the award of grant aid.

2: Cabinet **AGREED**

- a) The introduction of Renewable Energy Grants for solar hot water and solar P.V. and the eligibility criteria for the renewable technology grant.
- b) That Environmental Services administer the Renewable Energy Grants.

11. Minerals and Waste Plan

Cabinet **AGREED** the responses to the Minerals and Waste Development Plan consultation contained within the report and in Appendices 1 & 2, subject to amendments, approval of the final wording being delegated to the New Communities Portfolio Holder.

12. Workforce Plan

Cabinet **AGREED** to approve the revised Workforce Plan and to request the Action Plan to be built into service plans and implemented by the officers concerned, with a particular focus on a review of the workforce and succession planning to ensure a corporate approach to this issue.

13. Arbury Park: Scrutiny Report

Cabinet **AGREED:**

- a) To provide a response to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee
- b) To aim to provide this response at its meeting on 13 November 2008, to be reported to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 4 December 2008.

DECISIONS MADE BY OFFICERS AND REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

14. Fleam Dyke

The Conservation and Design Manager recommends the award of a grant totalling £1118 to the Friends of the Roman Road and Fleam Dyke for the design and production of 5000 a guided walk leaflets to allow interpretation of Fleam Dyke.

Funding is to be provided from the Linear Sites Project, (£764) and from the Wildlife Enhancement Scheme, (£354).

The Fleam Dyke is one of the most important chalk grassland sites in the district. The Friends have been working to conserve the site since 2001. Its interpretation and proper promotion is also important within the district.

15. SWAVESEY & Gt ABINGTON: Replacement of Windows and Doors with PVCu

The Corporate Manager, Affordable Homes, recommends that Asset Manufacturing be awarded the Replacement Window and Door Contract for properties in Thistle Green Swavesey and Mortlock Close Gt Abington.

OTHER INFORMATION

16. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov

Agendas

- Senior Management Team – 14 October 2008 (Intranet only)
- [Licensing \(2003 Act\) Sub-Committee – 22 October 2008](#)

Decisions

- [Licensing \(2003 Act\) Sub-Committee – 8 October 2008 \(Decision sheet\)](#)
- [Wildlife Enhancement Scheme: Fleam Dyke](#)
- [Cabinet – 9 October 2008 \(Decision sheet\)](#)
- [Swavesey & Gt Abington: Replacement of Windows and Doors with PVCu](#)

Minutes

- Executive Management Team – 24 September 2008 (intranet only)
- [Housing Portfolio Holder's meeting – 2 October 2008](#)
- [Leader's Portfolio meeting – 11 September 2008](#)
- Senior Management Team – 1 October 2008 (intranet only)
- [Cabinet – 11 September 2008](#)
- [Standards Committee – 24 September 2008](#)
- [Planning Committee – 1 October 2008](#)

Issues

- [Wildlife Enhancement Scheme: Fleam Dyke](#)
- [Swavesey & Gt Abington: Replacement of Windows and Doors with PVCu](#)

17. Upcoming Training Sessions for Members

Subject:	Date:	Trainer:	For:	Contact:
Corvu	TBD	Internal	All Members	Lauren Gilman
Local Government Finance pt2	16 October 2008	External	All Members	Jackie Sayers
Renewable Energy	28 October 2008	Peter Lee Renewables East	All Members	Louise Dailly
Financial Management	28 October 2008	External	All Members	Jackie Sayers
Transportation Planning Issues	11 November 2008	Sue Challis Faber Maunsell	All Members	Cerise Bradford
Code of Conduct and Predeterminatio	4 December 2008	Bevan Brittan LLP	All Members	Fiona McMillan

n and Bias				
Urban Design in the Planning Process	9 December 2008	Glen Richardson Cambridge CC	All Members	Cerise Bradford
The Northstowe Trust	13 January 2009	Neil Stott Keystone Trust	All Members	Cerise Bradford
Delivering Affordable Housing	10 February 2009	Sarah Lyons Cambridge CC	All Members	Cerise Bradford

18. SCDC Starters and Leavers

New Starters

Katherine Brice started as an Administration Assistant in Planning and Sustainable Communities on 6 October 2008.

Leavers

Antony Marks, Enforcement Officer in Planning & Sustainable Communities, will be leaving on 21 November 2008.

Returners

Kelly Quigley, Communications Officer, returned from maternity leave on 13 October 2009. Kelly will be working 2 days per week – Monday and Tuesday.

Transfers

Louise Joyce transferred from the post of Rents Assistant to Resident Involvement Officer, Supported Housing Services, on 6 October 2008.

Variations

Larry Churchman, Web Support Officer, will be continuing on a fixed term basis for 12 months from 9 October 2008. Larry will work 2 days per week - Thursdays and Fridays.