

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 6 JANUARY
2010**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from 7 to 22 January 2010

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 7 Jan				
Fri 8 Jan				
Mon 11 Jan	12 noon	Deadline for registration of public speakers for 13 January 2009 Planning Committee		
	5.30 pm	Quality Charter Training	East Cambridgeshire District Council Offices	Patrick Adams
Tue 12 Jan				
Wed 13 Jan	2 pm	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 14 Jan	10 am	Leader's Portfolio meeting	Jeavons Room	Guy Moody
	10 am	Climate Change Working Group	Monkfield Room	Ian Senior
	11 am	Policy and Performance Portfolio Holder's meeting	Jeavons Room	Patrick Adams
	7 pm	Cabinet	Swansley Room	Holly Adams
Fri 15 Jan				
Mon 18 Jan	2 pm	South Cambridgeshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee (link to Cambridgeshire County Council website)	Swansley Room	Michelle Rowe , Cambridgeshire County Council
Tue 19 Jan	10.30 am	Safety Committee	Swansley Room	Maggie Jennings
	11.59 pm	Deadline for notification of Members' questions and notices of motion to Council on 28 January 2009		Patrick Adams
Wed 20 Jan	12 noon	Place Making Challenges: Integrated Approaches	The Maltings, Ely	Patrick Adams
	5.30 pm	Housing Portfolio Holder's meeting	Swansley Room	Guy Moody
	6 pm	Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder's meeting	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
Thu 21 Jan	2 pm	South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership Board	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
	5 pm	Sustainability, Procurement and Efficiency Portfolio Holder's meeting	Monkfield Room	Holly Adams
Fri 22				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2. **Reminder: Owing the Quality Charter - Workshop 11 January 2010**

Members are reminded to book their places for the Cambridgeshire Horizons Workshop on Monday 11 January 2010 from 17.30 to 20.00 at East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Owing the Quality Charter

An evening workshop for elected members to raise awareness of the Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth. Planning for growth in Cambridgeshire can be driven by the urgency of delivering numbers of units, e.g. houses, as quickly as possible through a target and process focussed system. The risk is that the quality of development is ignored, or at least assumes a lower priority. The task for everyone is to achieve both quality and delivery and the Quality Charter is a means towards this end. It is vital therefore that all members understand how the Charter can assist in ensuring that steps are taken to achieve to first class, timely development. The session aims to:

- Raise awareness of the Quality Charter
- Clarify its status and purpose
- Explain its content
- Demonstrate how it can be used by members throughout the Local Authorities

The workshop will be facilitated by Brian Human, former Head of Policy and Projects at Cambridge City Council, introduced by Alex Plant, Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire Horizons, and supported by Glen Richardson, Head of the Joint Urban Design Team (see agenda below).

To reserve your place, please send your full name and contact details to events@cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk. If you have any queries please call us on 01223 714040.

Further information on the Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth may be found here: www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/about_horizons/how_we_do_it/quality_charter

1.	17:30	Registration and refreshments	
2.	17.45	Welcome Introduction to workshop – purpose and content	Alex Plant, Chief Executive, Cambridgeshire Horizons
3.	17:50	Background to the Charter Origin, Purpose, Status of Charter	Brian Human, Workshop Facilitator
4.	18.10	The Charter Content - Community - Connectivity - Climate - Character	Glen Richardson, Head of Joint Urban Design Team
5.	18.40	Adding Value from The Charter - What the Charter adds - How to use it to add value	Brian Human

6.	19:05	Case Studies - Looking back: Orchard Park - Looking ahead: NIAB Development	Glen Richardson and Brian Human
7.	19:40	Questions and discussion	Brian Human
8.	19:55	Summary & Conclusions	Brian Human
9.	20:00	Close	

3. Appeals against Planning Decisions and Enforcement Action

This item is intended to update Members on appeals against planning decisions and statistics about appeals. Information is provided on appeals lodged, proposed hearing and inquiry dates, appeal decisions and when appropriate, details of recent cases in interest, and forms part of the agenda for the [Planning Committee on 13 January 2010](#).

GENERAL INFORMATION

4. Cambridgeshire Guided Busway December 2009 Newsletter

Includes:

- Guided Busway opening update
- *Cambridge News* tour of The Busway
- Prudent measures in place to cover potential final cost of building The Busway
- New-look Busway webpages
- Special gritter to keep track free from ice
- Inspired by Cambridgeshire – glass panels at some of the new bus stops inspired by countryside and local people
- Cycle, ride and walk for work or play – using the path next to The Busway
- What's happening on the southern section of The Busway?

5. Green Infrastructure Strategy Review

The Green Infrastructure Strategy Review consultation period runs from **25 January to 7 March 2010**.

Background

Green Infrastructure describes a network of public open spaces, routes, wildlife habitats, landscapes and historic sites. It is key to creating places that are attractive, healthy and give a good quality of life, and deliver a range of other social, economic and environmental benefits.

In 2006 Cambridgeshire Horizons and partners (including South Cambridgeshire District Council) produced the first Green Infrastructure Strategy for the Cambridge Sub-Region. This Strategy has been successful in helping to secure funding for many Green Infrastructure projects across the County including ones which are making a major difference to the District, e.g. an ambitious scheme at Trumpington Meadows, funded by the Housing Growth Fund and other grants, is increasing wildlife in and around the river and making it more enjoyable for people to visit. Information about this strategy can be found at the following link:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/countryside/natureconservation/delivering/greenvision

The new strategy will cover all of Cambridgeshire. It is intended to be better integrated with the planning process and deliver wider and new objectives such as supporting healthy communities and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

The content and success of the existing strategy has been reviewed, along with other baseline information and links to neighbouring strategies. Current and new projects have been considered for inclusion.

As part of this review Cambridgeshire Horizons and partners are seeking the views of residents and stakeholders on the key points of the new Strategy through a formal consultation process.

The consultation period runs from 25 January to 7 March. There will be a series of staffed events in South Cambridgeshire (see below) as well as information distributed to all Parish Councils and libraries in the District. The consultation will be promoted on Cambridgeshire Horizons and local authority web sites. A questionnaire will be available online or in paper format, and should be returned to Cambridgeshire Horizons by the 7 March 2010.

Consultation Events in South Cambs: Green Infrastructure Review

Location	Date	Time
Sawston Village College	Wednesday 27 January	3pm - 7pm
Milton Country Park	Sunday 31 January	11am - 3pm
Sackville House, Cambourne	Monday 15 February	3.30pm - 7.30pm

Once the consultation starts the following link will become live and will provide more information about the consultation: www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/greenvision

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

- [A new agenda for rural Britain](#): The Rural Services Network has launched a comprehensive call to action for politicians prior to 2010 general election
- ['Raw deal' for rural schools](#): Rural schools receive much less cash than their urban counterparts – even though poorer rural teenagers often perform worse
- [Rural recognition in New Year list](#): Rural commissioner Alison McLean received an OBE in the 2010 New Year Honours List
- [BBC soap helps save village shops](#): More village shops are expected to be saved after the BBC highlighted the plight faced by rural communities
- [Experts sign up for rural revival](#): Experts from the world of business are to help enterprising rural villages revive local communities
- [Snow chaos across rural England](#): The big freeze is posing a challenge for England's rural service providers.
- [Council battle to keep roads open](#): Local authorities are battling to keep rural roads open as England's big freeze worsens.
- [Rural homes join boiler scheme](#): Rural households are now eligible to save money under the government's boiler scrappage scheme.

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.

OTHER INFORMATION

8. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov

Agendas

- Senior Management Team 6 January 2010 (intranet only)
- [Planning Committee 13 January 2010](#)
- [Climate Change Working Group 14 January 2010](#)
- [Leader's Portfolio meeting 14 January 2010](#)
- [Policy and Performance Portfolio Holder's meeting 14 January 2010](#)
- [Cabinet 14 January 2010](#)

Minutes

- [Scrutiny and Overview Committee 3 December 2009](#)
- [Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder's meeting 16 December 2009](#)

Issues

- [Annual Climate Change Working Group Report to Council 2010](#)
- [Annual Standards Committee Report to Council 2010](#)
- [Appointments to Outside, Joint and other Member Bodies 2010-11](#)
- [Major Opposition Group Leader's Annual Report to Council 2010](#)
- [Review of CCTV Provision](#)
- [Sizes, terms of reference & appointments to committees, joint committees and working groups for 2010-2011](#)
- [Write-offs: Annual Report to Council 2010](#)

9. Upcoming Training Sessions for Members

Subject:	Date:	Trainer:	For:	Contact:
Quality Charter: Owning the Quality Charter	11 January 2010, 17.30- 20.00, ECDC Offices	External	All Members	Patrick Adams
Place Making Challenges: Integrated Approaches	20 January 2010, The Maltings, Ely	External	All Members	Patrick Adams
Case Study Visit: Spotting Quality Design	12 February 2010, Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford, Essex	External	All Members	Patrick Adams

10. SCDC Starters and Leavers

Starter

Shelton Pell started on 14 December 2009 as a Refuse Operative.

Internal Transfer

Michael Sexton transferred on 4 January 2010 from Admin Assistant, Development Control and Appeals to Planning Policy Technician.