

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY  
2010**



South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

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**1. Meetings and events from 28 January to 12 February 2010**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 28 Jan	2 pm	<a href="#">Council</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Fri 29 Jan				
Mon 1 Feb	12 noon	<a href="#">Deadline for registration of public speakers at Planning Committee</a>		<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Tue 2 Feb				
Wed 3 Feb	2 pm	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Thu 4 Feb	3.30 pm	Budget Scrutiny Training for Non-Executive Members	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Jackie Sayers</a>
	5.30 pm	<a href="#">Scrutiny and Overview Committee</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Fri 5 Feb				
Mon 8 Feb				
Tue 9 Feb	10 am	<a href="#">Corporate Governance Committee</a>	Mezzanine	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
	5 pm	South Cambridgeshire 'In Your Patch'	Shire Hall	<a href="#">Michelle Rowe</a> , Cambridgeshire County Council
Wed 10 Feb				
Thu 11 Feb	7 pm	<a href="#">Cabinet</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Holly Adams</a>
	2 pm	Climate Change Action Plan – Workshop / Briefing	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Fri 12 Feb	10 am	Case study visit: Spotting Quality Design		<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>

**INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**2. Climate Change Action Plan: Workshop / Briefing**

On Thursday 11 February 2010, Members will have an opportunity to consider the South Cambridgeshire Climate Change Action Plan at an informal Workshop / Briefing event, starting at 2.00pm in the Swansley Room (Ground Floor) at South Cambridgeshire Hall. All Members (not just those on the Climate Change Working Group) are welcome to contribute to the session, which will last about two hours.

**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 3 February 2010](#).

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 4. **Proposed merger of the Cambridge and East Cambridgeshire Benches (Magistrates) - Consultation**

Dear Sir / Madam

Consultation Paper – Proposed merger of the Cambridge and East Cambridgeshire benches

I write to invite you to respond to the formal consultation on the proposal to merge the Cambridge and East Cambridgeshire benches. This consultation is in line with the code of practice on consultation issued by the Cabinet Office.

It is proposed to create a single bench, to be known as the South Cambridgeshire Bench enabling magistrates to maintain and utilise their experience and competence and to sit where they are most needed by the business.

The enclosed consultation paper [attached] outlines the proposal and gives some background information. I would welcome your authority's view of the proposal by **Thursday 15 April 2010** which is the closing date for all responses, so that I can then prepare a summary of responses and views expressed. Once all the information has been collated and analysed a final recommendation will then be made to Ministers for consideration.

There is a questionnaire within the consultation paper on pages 10 and 11 for responses or alternatively you can e-mail or write to me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours

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#### 5. **Subscribe to Updates - Weekly Bulletin**

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You can select topics by category or location. At the end of the day of publication of items of interest, you will receive an automated e-mail containing all relevant links.

## 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](mailto:editor@ruralcity.co.uk)

### Latest News

[MPs discuss 'vital' rural services](#)

[Fragile recovery for rural economy](#)

[Residents can save rural services](#)

## 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 20 JANUARY 2010

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](#).

Unless otherwise specified, the [Democratic Services Section](#) must be notified of any call in by **Wednesday 3 February 2010 at 5 pm**. All decisions not called in by this date may be implemented on **Thursday 4 February 2010**.

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'](#).

## 8. Capital and Revenue Estimates for the Finance and Staffing Portfolio 2010-2011

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder **RECOMMENDED TO CABINET** the Revenue

Estimates and Capital Programme as shown at Appendices A and B of the report.

**9. Future Provision of Members' Diaries**

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder **AGREED** that the Members' diaries and inserts no longer be produced, realising an annual cost savings of approximately £250 for printing and layouts and £520 for diary covers.

*Decision taken on 20 January 2010 and published 21 January 2010. Call-in expires at 5 pm on Thursday 28 January 2010 and decision can be implemented from 29 January 2010 if not called-in.*

**10. Gypsy and Traveller Community Strategy**

Subject to the incorporation of minor wording amendments to the policy as discussed at the meeting, the Housing Portfolio Holder **RECOMMENDED TO CABINET** that the Gypsy and Traveller Community Strategy be adopted in February 2010.

**11. Capital and Revenue Estimates for the Housing Portfolio 2010-2011**

The Housing Portfolio Holder **RECOMMENDED TO CABINET**:

- a) The proposals for capital expenditure shown at **Appendix D(1-4)**, of the report, for inclusion in the capital programme.
- b) The Revenue Estimates and Capital Programme shown at **Appendices A, B and C** of the report.
- c) The inclusion of £80,000, for possible additional expenditure on accommodation for homeless people, on the list of precautionary items for 2010-11.

**12. TSA Consultation**

The Housing Portfolio Holder **APPROVED** the draft response, attached to the report, to the government consultation on a New Regulatory Framework for Social Housing in England, subject to any minor amendment agreed by the Portfolio Holder.

**13. Health and Environmental Services Fees and Charges 2010-2011**

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder **AGREED** the fees and charges set out in Appendix 1 to the report from the Corporate Manager (Health and Environmental Services).

The Fees and Charges tabled can be accessed via the following link: [Fees and Charges](#)

*Decision taken on 25 January 2010 and published 25 January 2010. Call-in expires at 5 pm on Monday 1 February 2010 and decision can be implemented from 2 February 2010 if not called-in.*

**14. FOXTON: Q8 Garage, Enforcement against the sale of cars**

The Planning Enforcement Sub-Committee resolved that the Council invites the owner of the Q8 Garage, Foxton to submit a planning application, within three months from 26 January 2010, for

permission to sell cars from the site. Should no such application be registered within that period, the Sub-Committee authorised officers to issue and serve an Enforcement Notice with a 3-month compliance period.

**15. WILLINGHAM: 90 Earith Road, High Hedge Remedial Notice**

The Planning Enforcement Sub-Committee noted the intention of the owner of the hedge to comply, by 1 March 2010, with the terms of the Remedial Notice, issued on 15 May 2007. Failing such compliance, and subject to advice from the Council's Ecology officer relating to the bird-nesting season, the Sub-Committee authorised officers to take immediate direct action.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**16. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov**

**Agendas**

- Executive Management Team 27 January 2010 (intranet only)
- Senior Management Team 27 January 2010 (intranet only)
- [South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership 1 February 2010](#)
- [Planning Committee 3 February 2010](#)
- [Scrutiny and Overview Committee 4 February 2010](#)

**Decisions**

- [Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder \(Decision Sheet\) 20 January 2010](#)
  - Capital and Revenue Estimates for the Finance and Staffing Portfolio 2010-2011 (Recommendation to Cabinet)
  - Future Provision of Members' Diaries
- [Housing Portfolio Holder \(Decision Sheet\) 20 January 2010](#)
  - Gypsy and Traveller Community Strategy (Recommendation to Cabinet)
  - Capital and Revenue Estimates for the Housing Portfolio 2010-2011 (Recommendation to Cabinet)
  - TSA Consultation
- [South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership \(Decision Sheet\) 21 January 2010](#)
  - Consideration of a Joint Local Strategic Partnership for South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City
- [Environmental Services Portfolio Holder \(Decision Sheet\) 25 January 2010](#)
  - Health and Environmental Services Fees and Charges 2010 – 2011
- [Planning and Enforcement Sub Committee \(Decision Sheet\) 26 January 2010](#)
  - Q8 Garage, Foxton, enforcement against the sale of cars from the site without specific planning consent.
  - Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 - Section 69 - high hedge situated at the willows, 90 Earith Road, Willingham

**Minutes**

- Senior Management Team 13 January 2010 (intranet only)
- [Planning Committee 13 January 2010](#)

**Library Items**

- [Notices of Motion to Council, 1974-present \(updated to include Notices of Motion to Council on 28 January 2010\)](#)
- Portfolio Holder Forward Plans 2009-10 (intranet only)

**17. Upcoming Training Sessions for Members**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Trainer:</b>	<b>For:</b>	<b>Contact:</b>
Budget Scrutiny Training	4 February 2010, Council Chamber	External	Non-executive members	<a href="#">Jackie Sayers</a>
Case Study Visit: Spotting Quality Design	12 February 2010, Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford, Essex	External	All Members	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>

**18. SCDC Starters and Leavers**

**Leaver**

Stephanie Clements, Temporary Admin Officer, New Communities, left on 9 December 2009.