

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 7 JULY 2010**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from 8 to 23 July 2010

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 8 Jul	10 am	Climate Change Working Group	Monkfield Room	Ian Senior
	2 pm	Cabinet	Swansley Room	Maggie Jennings
	2.30 pm	Member Access to Council's Secure Systems (Training)	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
Fri 9 Jul	10 am	Employment Committee Training	Mezzanine	Patrick Adams
Mon 12 Jul	2.30 pm	Member Access to Council's Secure Systems (Training)	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
	5 pm	South Cambridgeshire 'In Your Patch'	Kreis Viersen Room, Shire Hall	Michelle Rowe (Cambridgeshire County Council)
Tue 13 Jul	9 am	Planning Portfolio Holder's meeting (note new start time)	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
	11.15 am	New Communities Portfolio Holder's meeting	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Wed 14 Jul				
Thu 15 Jul	10 am	Leader's Portfolio meeting	Jeavons Room	Maggie Jennings
Fri 16 Jul	10.30 am	Member Access to Council's Secure Systems (Training)	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
Mon 19 Jul	2 pm	South Cambridgeshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee	Swansley Room	Michelle Rowe (Cambridgeshire County Council)
	11 am	Policy and Performance Portfolio Holder's meeting	Mezzanine	Maggie Jennings
Tue 20 Jul	5.30 pm	Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder's meeting	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
	5.30 pm	Housing Portfolio Holder's meeting	Monkfield Room	Ian Senior
Thu 22 Jul	10 am	Constitution Review Working Party	Monkfield Room	Holly Adams
	2 pm	Council	Council Chamber	Holly Adams
Fri 23 Jul	2 pm	Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership Board	The Guildhall, Cambridge	Patrick Adams

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2. Member Access to Council's Secure Systems

At the request of the Policy and Performance Portfolio Holder, three separate one-hour sessions have been arranged to show Councillors how to use the new e-mail system. The dates are:

- Thursday 8 July 2010 from 10.30 am to 11.30 am
- Monday 12 July 2010 from 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm
- Friday 16 July 2010 from 10.30 am to 11.30 am

A session was also held on Tuesday 6 July 2010. All sessions will be held in the Monkfield Room on the first floor, and all members have been invited by e-mail and by post as well as through the Weekly Bulletin.

Members will need to bring their own laptops, to allow them to use the new system on their own machine and also to allow officers to check that the laptops can access the Council's wireless network. If you wish to attend but do not have access to a laptop, please let officers know and a computer will be provided for the training.

If you wish to attend one of these sessions, please contact [Patrick Adams](#), Senior Democratic Services Officer, 01954 713408. There can be a maximum of fifteen attendees per session.

3. South Cambridgeshire 'In Your Patch' 12 July 2010

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE 'IN YOUR PATCH'

MONDAY, 12TH JULY 2010

5.00 P.M. - 6.30 P.M.

KREIS VIERSEN ROOM, SHIRE HALL, CAMBRIDGE

AGENDA

1. WELCOME: Mark Kemp, Service Director: Highways and Access, Cambridgeshire County Council.
2. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN VILLAGES: To receive a presentation from Inspector Chris Savage, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, on action being taken to address anti-social behaviour in villages.
3. CRIME REDUCTION YOUTH WORK: To receive a presentation from Julie Bristow, Locality Youth Co-ordinator, Children and Young People's Services, on crime reduction youth work taking place in the District.
4. CONSULTATION ON THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN – UPDATE REPORT (attached): To note the extended period of the public consultation for the new Local Transport Plan, and emerging results so far.
5. NEIGHBOURHOOD PANELS – PROGRESS REPORT (attached): To receive a report from Wendy Lansdown, Neighbourhood Panel Liaison Officer.
6. CAMBRIDGE CITY AND SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 23 JULY 2010: Gemma Barron, Partnerships Manager, South Cambridgeshire District Council, to report on the agenda for the meeting of the Partnership Board on 23 July 2010.
7. LOCAL ISSUES: County and District Councillors are invited to raise any local issues.
8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING & ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:
Date: Monday, 1 November 2010 at 5.00p.m.

Future Items:

- Update on Adult Social Care for Elderly People
- Speed Limit Review Update
- First Responder Scheme – invite St John’s Ambulance
- Children’s Centres – Update
- Contact Centre

For more information about this meeting please contact Michelle Rowe at the County Council’s Democratic Services, Tel: 01223-699180 or by email at michelle.rowe@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

GENERAL INFORMATION

4. Local Transport Plan3 Leaflet

Redelivery of the Local Transport Plan3 leaflet commenced on 28 June and will be completed by 9 July. To assist Cambridgeshire County Council in monitoring delivery of the leaflet I would be grateful if you could let me know if you have had a copy of the leaflet posted through your letterbox. It would be useful to have the postcode for those that have received a copy of the leaflet. The County Council are also consulting with the distribution company on the distribution of the leaflets and are undertaking their own in house monitoring.

I would like to thank you all in advance for your assistance with this exercise.

Claire Spencer
Senior Planning Officer (Transport)
claire.spencer@scamsb.gov.uk

5. 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

- [Prince unveils rural community fund](#): Prince Charles has launched an initiative to help Britain’s vulnerable rural communities.
- [Green light for local housing trusts](#): Local communities are to build their own homes without having to lodge specific planning applications.
- [Loyal customers boost rural firms](#): Financial independence and customer loyalty are helping rural businesses weather the economic downturn.

6. 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 30 JUNE 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 14 July 2010 at 5 pm**. All decisions not called in by this date may be implemented on **Thursday 15 July 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'](#).

7. **Government Review of Council Housing Finance: Proposals to Replace Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Subsidy System**

For the reasons given in the full consultation response (attached), the Council is concerned that the opening level of debt proposed has not fully taken into account all of the spending needs of the Council; therefore, the Housing Portfolio Holder **AGREES** that the Council recognises that the self-financing proposal is preferable in the long term to the current HRA subsidy regime, but it is, however, reluctant to proceed to an early voluntary implementation.

Decision taken and published Monday 5 July 2010; call-in expires at 5 pm on Monday 12 July 2010. Decision can be implemented from Tuesday 13 July 2010 if not called-in.

DECISIONS MADE BY OFFICERS AND REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

8. **Elite Athlete Award Scheme**

On the recommendations of the Elite Athletes Award Panel, which met on 2 June 2010, the Team Leader (Communities) has awarded Elite Athlete Award Scheme grants to the following applicants:

- Zoe Douglas, 12-year old tennis player from **Papworth Everard**, competing at a regional level, with a goal to represent the UK in ladies' tennis: £500
- Angus McLuskie, 12-year old rower from **Coton**, competing in national events: £500
- Philip Curtis, 32-year old triathlete from **Girton**, competing at a regional level in the 30-34 age group, aiming to win a medal at the European Athletics Championships in Barcelona: £250, in recognition of his commitment and dedication to his club and other athletes.
- Benedict Abbot-Gribben, 19-year old pole vaulter from **Stapleford**, participating at a regional level in the U20's category, and aiming to be selected for the GB U23 squad in the near future: £500.
- Elizabeth Clare Winter, 14-year old swimmer from **Over**, competing at a regional level in 100m and 200m freestyle. Would like to attain a top 10 placing in her events, with championship qualifying times: £500
- Sam Fleck, 17-year old tennis player from **Stapleford**, wishing to represent his chosen university in the University Games: £250
- Alfred Bennett, 14-year old fencer from **Sawston**, competing at a high level in his age group with a realistic aim to be selected for the 2014 games: £750.

Total awards - £3,250

Elite Athletes Award Scheme Budget for 2010/11 currently available is £24,680, including a carry-over of £4,680 from 2009/10.

OTHER INFORMATION

9. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov

Agendas

- Senior Management Team 7 July 2010 (intranet only)
- [Planning Portfolio Holder's Meeting 13 July 2010](#)
- [New Communities Portfolio Holder's Meeting 13 July 2010](#)

Reports

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Decisions

- [Elite Athletes Award Scheme](#)
- [Government Review of Council Housing Finance: Proposals to Replace Housing Revenue Account \(HRA\) Subsidy System](#)

Minutes

- [Scrutiny and Overview Committee 24 June 2010](#)

Issues

- [Climate Change Working Group: Revised Terms of Reference](#)
- [Information and Communications Technology \(ICT\) Internal Audit Action Plan](#)
- [Materials Reclamation Facility \(MRF\) Tender Award](#)
- [Senior Railcards](#)
- [Use of Natural Resources: External Audit Progress Report and Council Response](#)

Library Items

- [Members' Allowances Scheme 2010-2011 and Allowances Paid since 2001](#)

Meetings

- NEW: Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's meeting 10 August 2010
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10. Upcoming Training Sessions for Members

Subject:	Date:	Trainer:	For:	Contact:
Member Access to Council's Secure Systems	Thursday 8 July 2010 at 2.30 pm	Internal	All members (maximum 15 per session)	Patrick Adams
Employment Committee	Friday 9 July 2010	ABA Consultants	All members / substitute members of Employment Committee	Patrick Adams
Member Access to Council's Secure Systems	Monday 12 July 2010 at 2.30 pm	Internal	All members (maximum 15 per session)	Patrick Adams
Member Access to Council's	Friday 16 July 2010 at 10.30	Internal	All members (maximum 15	Patrick Adams

Secure Systems	am		per session)	
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11. SCDC Starters and Leavers

Starters

Joe Brown will start on 19 July 2010 as a Democratic Services Officer (fixed-term)

Emma Lowther started on 5 July 2010 as Communications Manager.

Jennifer Roberts started on 1 July 2010 as an Administrative Officer, Health and Environmental Services (fixed-term, maternity cover).

Transfer

Nigel Blazeby transferred on 1 July 2010 from Team Leader (West) to Development Control Manager.

Stephen Keerie seconded on 5 July 2010 from Revenues Assistant to Senior Business Support Officer for a period of 9 months.