

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE 2011**

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 30 June to Friday 15 July 2011

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 30 June	2pm	Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting 30/06	Jeavons Room	Philly Sewell
	7pm	Scrutiny and Overview Committee 30/06	Swansley Room	Maggie Jennings
Fri 1 July				
Mon 4 July				
Tue 5 July	10am	CANCELLED - Climate Change Working Group	Monkfield Room	Philly Sewell
Wed 6 July	2pm	Planning Committee 06/07	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
	4pm-6pm	Customer Service Excellence Briefing for Members 06/07	Jeavons Room	Claire Dillon
Thu 7 July	10am	Constitution Review Working Party 07/07	Monkfield Room	Holly Adams
	2pm	Electoral Arrangements Committee 07/07	Swansley Room	Philly Sewell
	7pm	Cabinet 07/07	Swansley Room	Maggie Jennings
Fri 8 July	9am	Corporate Governance Committee 08/07	Monkfield Room	Ian Senior
	10am	Sustainability, Planning and Climate Change Por. 08/07...	Council Chamber	Maggie Jennings
Mon 11 July	2pm	Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire Local S. 11/07...	Swansley Room	Philly Sewell
Tue 12 July	10am	Safety Committee 12/07	Swansley Room	Maggie Jennings
Wed 13 July	10am	Joint Development Control Committee - Cambridge Fringes 13/07	City Council	
Thu 14 July	12noon-1.30pm	Personal Websites and Blog Training for Members 14/07	ICT Training Room	Holly Adams
Fri 15 July				

GENERAL INFORMATION

2. Media Monitoring

Arising from the results of the Member Communication Needs Survey, many members highlighted the fact that residents found out about SCDC matters through the media.

The Council's Communications Team will produce a weekly summary of recent news items to be published in the Bulletin to help keep members informed of recent coverage of SCDC.

Contact the [Communications Team](#) for further information.

23/06/11 Cambridge News	Recycling shift saves £300,000
Royston Weekly	
23/06/11 News	Flags fly to honour our forces past and present
Royston Weekly	
23/06/11 News	Contest is the business!
23/06/11 BBC News Online	Recycling saves Cambridgeshire taxpayers £300000
23/06/11 BBC News Online	Council asks residents to suggest sites for development
23/06/11 recap.co.uk	Wheelie good results
24/06/11 Daily Telegraph	New 'stealth tax' on wheelie bins
27/06/11 Cambridge News	Suggest a site for new housing
27/06/11 recyclingcenters.org	Recycling programme in Cambridgeshire saves taxpayers more than £300000 in 6 months

3. **Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)**

Tackling worklessness: the co-design pilots

In supporting councils which are leading the way in testing new solutions in tackling worklessness, the LG Group has produced new resources on customer insight, cost benefit and value for money. The work of the co-design pilots is featured in the final Department of Work and Pensions report and is informing local thinking on Community Budgets and engagement with the Work Programme.

[Read more](#)

Launch of Local Government Inform

The Local Government Group is launching Local Government Inform (LG Inform) at this year's Annual Conference on the 29 June 2011, at the Birmingham International conference centre. The launch will take place at 10.30am by the LG Group exhibition stand (outside the main auditorium). LG Inform is a new service and forms part of our new online offer. This free service is a practical response to the sector's call for greater freedom to take responsibility for its own regulation and improvement. It allows anyone in the sector to access, compare and analyse data and present their findings. Councillors and council officers the length and breadth of the country need reliable, easily accessible information to help them make decisions about how their council and its partners serve local residents. Being able to quickly and easily analyse and compare performance with other councils and areas helps councillors and council officers understand how to increase productivity and optimise outcomes. LG Inform will be launched on 29 June 2011 as a stand-alone service and will be incorporated with the Knowledge Hub later in the year.

Local Government Challenge: the final beckons

Congratulations to all this year's [Local Government Challenge](#) contestants who have completed five challenges all over the country, from Durham to Dorset. The finalists in the competition have now been revealed! Watch the fifth challenge at Kent and Essex County Councils and see the battle to reach the final four on the Policy Review TV website.

4. **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

- Fears for 'vital' EU funding streams <http://www.rsnonline.org.uk/Environment/Fears-for-vital-EU-funding-streams.html>
- Localism 'will mean fewer homes' <http://www.rsnonline.org.uk/Community/Localism-will-mean-fewer-homes.html>
- Rural drivers 'face battle on fuel' <http://www.rsnonline.org.uk/Services/Rural-drivers-face-battle-on-fuel.html>
- Partner for £80million community scheme <http://www.rsnonline.org.uk/Community/Partner-for-£80m-community-scheme.html>
- Rural housing is vital, says Cameron <http://www.rsnonline.org.uk/Services/Rural-housing-is-vital-says-Cameron.html>

5. 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 [Planning Weekly List option](#) to see planning applications determined or registered each week for the past ten weeks, or use the [Search option](#) to set your own criteria.

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 22 JUNE 2011

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 **Friday 1 July at 5 pm**. All decisions not called in by this date may be implemented on **Monday 4 July 2011**.

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'](#).

6. Government consultation on draft PPS Planning for Traveller Sites

The Northstowe & New Communities Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to respond to the government consultation on the draft new Planning Policy Statement (PPS) "Planning for Travellers" with the comments set out in Appendix 1 to the report, subject to the following amendments, the wording of which to be finalised by officers in consultation with the Portfolio Holder:

- A summary of this Council's enforcement and appeals experiences under the heading "Other Matters";
- Recognition that, as in the settled community, the travelling community was comprised of different groups, often with different needs, for which a single target might not be appropriate;
- To seek clarity whether the relationship between the number of pitches and plots and the size and density of the surrounding population (Policy B paragraph 9f) was positive or inverse; and
- To address minor typographical errors before submission.

Decision taken Thursday 23 June 2011 and published Friday 24 June 2011. Call-in expires at 5 pm on Friday 1 July 2011. Decision can be implemented from Monday 4 July 2011 if not called-in.

7. Government Consultation on Relaxation of Planning Rules for Change of Use from Commercial to Residential

The Northstowe & New Communities Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to respond to the government consultation on proposals regarding relaxation of planning rules for change of use from commercial (B use classes) to residential (C3 use classes) with the comments set out in Appendix 1 to the report, subject to the following amendments, the wording of which to be finalised by officers in consultation with the Portfolio Holder:

- When responding to Question E about whether or not the full range of possible issues has been identified, to include specific reference to the impact of the proposals on the Green Belt and on conservation areas; and
- To elaborate further on the impact on nearby commercial users of the presence of residential users.

Decision taken Thursday 23 June 2011 and published Friday 24 June 2011. Call-in expires at 5 pm on Friday 1 July 2011. Decision can be implemented from Monday 4 July 2011 if not called-in.

8. Northstowe and New Communities Portfolio: Performance Measures 2011/12

The Northstowe & New Communities Portfolio Holder **AGREED** in principle the proposed performance measurements identified in paragraphs 8-12 of the report and **NOTED** that these measurements could be revised mid-year as the programme evolved.

Decision taken Thursday 23 June 2011 and published Friday 24 June 2011. Call-in expires at 5 pm on Friday 1 July 2011. Decision can be implemented from Monday 4 July 2011 if not called-in.

DECISIONS MADE BY OFFICERS AND REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

OTHER INFORMATION

9. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov

Agendas

- [Agenda for Northstowe and New Communities Portfolio Holder's Meeting on Jun 23 2011 2:00PM](#)
- [Agenda for Planning Committee on Jul 6 2011 2:00PM](#)
- [Agenda for Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting on Jun 30 2011 2:00PM](#)
- [Agenda for Scrutiny and Overview Committee on Jun 30 2011 7:00PM](#)

Reports

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Decisions

- [Agenda for Northstowe and New Communities Portfolio Holder's Meeting on Jun 23 2011 2:00PM](#)

Minutes

- [Agenda for Council on May 26 2011 2:00PM](#)
- [Agenda for Policy and Performance Portfolio Holder's Meeting on Jun 9 2011 10:00AM](#)
- [Agenda for Planning Committee on Jun 1 2011 2:00PM](#)

Plans

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Issues

- [Issue details - Flood Risk Assessment - Cambridgeshire County Council County-Wide Preliminary Reports](#)
- [Issue details - Surface Water Management Plan](#)
- [Issue details - MILTON and Cambridge City: Surface Water Management Plan \(SWMP\)](#)
- [Issue details - Health and Safety within the Housing Service](#)
- [Issue details - Improvement Plan and Financial Performance 2011/12 - Northstowe and New Communities Portfolio](#)

Library Items

- [Library document - Planning Process Training 22 June 2011](#)
- [Library document - Members' Personal Websites and Blogs](#)
- [Library document - Agendas and Minutes](#)

Parish Council Items

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Meetings Added / Postponed / Cancelled

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10. Upcoming Training Sessions for Members

Please confirm your availability to attend training sessions by contacting [Claire Dillon](#) by email, or on extension 3026.

Topic	Date/Time	Venue	For	Contact
Customer Service Excellence Briefing	Wednesday 6 July 2011, 4pm- 5pm RSVP by Fri 1 July	Jeavons Room	All Members	Rachael Fox
Section 106	Wednesday 13	Swansley Room	All Members	James Fisher

Agreements Briefing	July 2011, 4pm-5pm			
Personal Websites/Blogs for Councillors	Thursday 14 July 2011, 12noon- 1.30pm	ICT Training Room	All Members	Claire Dillon
Public Sector Fraud Briefing	Tuesday 19 July 2011, 2pm- 4pm	Swansley Room	All Members	Chris Freeman
Review of Planning Committee Workshop	Wednesday 27 July 2011, 4pm-6pm	Swansley Room	Members and Subs on Planning Committee	Claire Dillon
Personal Websites/Blogs for Councillors	Thursday 28 July 2011, 4pm-5.30pm	ICT Training Room	All Members	Claire Dillon
Personal Websites/Blogs for Councillors	Wednesday 10 August 2011, 4pm-5.30pm	ICT Training Room	All Members	Claire Dillon

11. SCDC Starters and Leavers

Leavers

Emily Ip, Planning Officer in Development Control will be leaving on 31 August 2011.

Change of post

Daniel Ashman changed post on 13 June 2011

FROM

Corporate Area: Corporate Services
Service: GIS & Information
Job Title: Address Management Officer

TO

Corporate Area: Corporate Services
Service: GIS & Information
Job Title: Senior Address Management Officer