

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2016**

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 12 May to Friday 27 May 2016

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 12 May				
Fri 13 May				
Mon 16 May				
Tue 17 May				
Wed 18 May	10:30am	Joint Development Control Committee – Cambridge Fringes	Guildhall in Cambridge	Sarah Steed
Thu 19 May	10am 2pm	Leader's Portfolio Meeting Council	Monkfield Room Chamber	Patrick Adams Graham Watts
Fri 20 May				
Mon 23 May				
Tue 24 May				
Wed 25 May				
Thu 26 May				
Fri 28 May				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2. Assets of Community Value

The following have been included on the list of Assets of Community Value:
Land known as the "recreation ground extension", Home Farm Road, Longstanton.
The Hare and Hounds Public House, 60 High Street, Harlton, Cambridge CB23 1ES

The following nomination has been refused:
La Pergola at The Wheatsheaf, Harlton, CB23 1HA

For more information about Assets of Community Value see
<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-right-bid> or watch our short introductory film on the subject <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rniGIWBEyio>

UPCOMING DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Unless otherwise specified, please confirm your availability to attend any of the following briefing or training events by contacting [Patrick Adams](#) on 01954 713408. This will ensure your training records are kept up to date and suitable venue and catering booking can be made. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

3. Joint Assembly and Councillor Briefing

All District Councillors are invited to attend a briefing session on the City Deal transport options for:

- Cambridge access, capacity and congestion
- Milton and Histon Road scheme

Please see attached flyer for more details.

4. Member Development Programme 2016/17 - dates for the diary

Please find attached the new Member Development Programme for 2016/17.

A new addition to the programme this year is the introduction of Member Development Days every month (after August). Please block these dates out in your diaries as they will be used for briefings or workshops on key issues that arise throughout the year or for training/development sessions specifically requested by Members.

Information on upcoming sessions as part of the Programme will be promoted via the Weekly Bulletin - may I ask that all Members look through the Programme and inform anyone from the Democratic Services Team if they are interested in attending. Some sessions are extended to Parish Councillors/Clerks, so please also encourage their attendance.

Should you require any further information on the Programme please contact Graham Watts, Democratic Services Team Leader, at graham.watts@scams.gov.uk or (01954) 713030.

GENERAL INFORMATION

5. 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.

Date	Publication	Details		
04/05/2016	Cambridge News	Sell-off to cost city millions (Shelter view on right to buy changes)	P8	
04/05/2016	Cambridge News	Polling day for new police boss (SCDC elections also mentioned)	P13	
06/05/2016	Cambridge News online	'Drones were monitoring my every move' - Orwell man Peter Titchmarsh takes hammer to solar panels	Link	
06/05/2016	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Election results 2016		
07/05/2016	Cambridge News	Lib dems gain seats as Tories stay in charge	P5	

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



Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)

The Local Government Association provides a list of news headlines relevant to its members. Please click the headlines below for more details.

Friday 6 May 2016: *Guardian Online*: ["Leading government figures see social housing as toxic"](#)

Lord Kerslake discusses the progress of the Housing and Planning Bill, which has seen 18 government defeats and “some significant improvements made”.

Tuesday 10 May 2016: *Telegraph*: [Ministers told to spend £258 million windfall from rural broadband “as quick as possible” on not-spots](#)

Campaigners and MPs are urging ministers to ensure a £258 million windfall on improving rural broadband is spent as quickly as possible.

Tuesday 10 May 2016: *Mirror*: [Last-ditch attempt to block Tories counting £450,000 houses as “affordable homes” defeated](#)

MPs have rejected Lords’ amendments to the Housing and Planning Bill that attempted to block counting £450,000 homes for sale as part of the Government’s obligation to provide affordable housing.

Tuesday 10 May 2016: *Guardian Online*: [Council chief steps down after election blunder](#)

The Chief Executive of Barnet Council has stepped down after a mistake last week that led to hundreds of voters being turned away from polling stations across the borough.

Tuesday 10 May 2016: *Express*: [Village stuck with slow internet after pensioner blocks BT upgrade](#)

A Norfolk pensioners has been accused of blocking plans for high-speed broadband in a village because he refuses to allow a BT engineer to work on a junction box on his property.

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 [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 WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2016



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](#).

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

8. Melbourn Neighbourhood Area Designation

The Planning Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to

- a) The designation of a Neighbourhood Area for Melbourn as proposed by the Parish Council.
- b) An amendment to the neighbourhood area addendum of the Local Development Scheme that was approved in August 2015 so that Melbourn can be added to the list of Neighbourhood Area designated within the District.

This decision was first published on Wednesday 11 May and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 18 May. If not called-in this decision can be implemented on Thursday 19 May.

DECISIONS MADE BY OFFICERS AND REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

Please click on the link below to find details of decisions made by officers under delegated authority:

<https://www.scambsgov.uk/content/access-information>

OTHER INFORMATION

9. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Decisions

- [Melbourn Neighbourhood Area Designation](#)

Minutes

- [Planning Committee 22 April](#)

Issues

- [Political composition of the Council since 1973](#)

10. **SCDC Starters and Leavers**



New Employees at the Council

Name: Brian O'Sullivan
Job title: Shared Service Programme Manager
Date started: 9 May 2016

Staff who have moved jobs

Name: Shirley Stephen
Old job: Supported Housing Officer
New job: Community Impact Team Leader
Date moved: 1 April 2016

