

COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY 2018

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 19 July to Friday 3 August

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 19 Jul	2pm	Council	Council Chamber	Kathrin John
Fri 20 Jul				
Mon 23 Jul				
Tue 24 Jul				
Wed 25 Jul				
Thu 26 Jul	9:30am	Cabinet	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
	2pm	Climate and Environment Advisory Committee	Mezzanine	Liz Pinchen
Fri 27 Jul	10am	Grants Advisory Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Mon 30 Jul				
Tue 31 Jul	9:30am	Audit & Corporate Governance Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
Wed 1 Aug				
Thu 2 Aug				
Fri 3 Aug				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & PARISH COUNCILS

2. Connecting Cambridgeshire

The Connecting Cambridgeshire programme aims to improve the county's digital infrastructure – including broadband, mobile and public Wi-Fi coverage – to drive economic growth, help our communities to thrive and streamline public service delivery.

Please find more details attached.

3. Waste and Street Cleansing Enquiries

Dear Councillors,

To help speed-up responses to your waste and street cleansing enquiries, we'd be grateful if you and your Parishes could use the following e-mail addresses:

Waste / Bins etc enquiries - refuse@scambs.gov.uk

Streets / litter bins etc. streets@scambs.gov.uk

These email addresses are monitored on a daily basis and using them will help avoid your enquiry or service request sitting unanswered in individual officers' inboxes, particularly while colleagues are on leave over the summer! Thanks for your assistance on this.

4. Homeless Strategy Consultation

We have started consultation on the Homeless Strategy, <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/homelessness>. If anyone would like to provide any

feedback they can either use the eform or send their comments to [Sue Carter](#) or [Heather Wood](#) by 9th October 2018.

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.

5. Safeguarding Training: Thu 19 July at 10am

Date: Thursday 19 July

Time: 10am to 11am

Location: Council Chamber

Description: Briefing by Head of Housing and Property Services on protecting children, young people vulnerable adults of the District from abuse, harm and neglect.

GENERAL INFORMATION

6. 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		
11/07/2018	Cambridge Independent	Plan to make A428 single lane at Girton interchange is 'idiocy'	P6	Cllr Ruth Betson quoted on Highways England's plans to keep the A428 / M11 / A14 junction single lane after A14 upgrade
11/07/2018	Cambridge Independent	Trees must stay' as part of Milton Road's upgrade	P13	GCP article
11/07/2018	Cambridge Independent	Mayor hits back over authority's £2.5m staff costs	P18	CA article
11/07/2018	Cambridge Independent	Quick wins focus for GCP	P20	GCP article
11/07/2018	Cambridge Independent	Cllr Bridget Smith column: Making decisions for the good of the people - not the party	P30 & P31	
11/07/2018	Cambridge Independent	Letter: The squabbling is so off-putting	P30	Letter from Coton Parish Councillor
11/07/2018	Cambridge Independent online	Plan to make A428 single lane at Girton interchange is 'idiocy'	Link	Cllr Ruth Betson quoted on Highways England's plans to keep the A428 / M11 / A14 junction single lane after A14 upgrade
16/07/2018	Cambridge News online	There are 'deep concerns' a new school will be too close to the A10	Link	SCDC mentioned at bottom of article. Mainly focussed on County Economy & Environment Cttee
16/07/2018	Cambridge	New school in Cambridgeshire would	Link	SCDC mentioned within article. Mainly

	Independent	be 'too close to major road'		focussed on County Economy & Environment Cttee
17/07/2018	Cambridge News Online	Work to improve 'nightmare' A428 is being put back a year	Link	Cllr Aidan Ven de Weyer quoted about delay to start of A428 Black Cat to Caxton scheme by HE
17/07/2018	Cambridge News	School and housing near A10 concerns	P6	SCDC mentioned at bottom of article. Mainly focussed on County Economy & Environment Cttee
18/07/2018	Cambridge News	A428 works are delayed	P9	Cllr Aidan Ven de Weyer quoted about delay to start of A428 Black Cat to Caxton scheme by HE

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



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

Thursday 12 July: *Express*: [Business Rates](#)

Owners of almost one in six properties liable for business rates have been taken to court for non-payment in the past year, according to research by the Altus Group consultancy.

Friday 13 July: *Times*: [Earn 10p per plastic bottle](#)

The first reverse vending machines for plastic bottles and aluminium cans have been installed in Morrisons supermarkets in Scotland and Lancashire.

Tuesday 17 July: *Times*: [Countryfile host John Craven denounces fly-tipping menace](#)

Fly-tipping are the biggest concern for those trying to preserve the countryside, Countryfile host John Craven has said on the 30th anniversary of the TV show.

Wednesday 18 July: *Express*: ["Double Council Tax on empty homes to ease crisis"](#)

Peers in the House of Lords are being urged by the LGA to back an amendment on the Rating and Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Bill to give councils the power to increase the empty homes premium thresholds on council tax bills for homes left empty for between two and five years from 50 per cent to up to 100 per cent.

8. View Planning Applications



To view the list of planning applications that have recently been submitted to the Council, please visit the authority's on-line [Planning Application Search](#). Once the page has loaded, you can use the [Search option](#) to set your own criteria of parish, area and date range.

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.

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.scambs.gov.uk/content/access-information>

OTHER INFORMATION

9. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Council 19 July](#)

Decisions

- [Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board 4 July](#)

Minutes

- [Civic Affairs Committee 26 June](#)

Issues

- [Localised Council Tax Support Scheme](#)
- [Reception re-modelling project](#)
- [New Build Scheme in Over](#)
- [South Cambridgeshire Local Plan - Adoption](#)

10. SCDC Starters and Leavers



Staff who have left/ will be leaving

Name: Emma George
Job title: Acquisition Manager
Date leaving: 4 September 2018