

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	<a href="#">Council</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Kathrin John</a>
Fri 20 Jul				
Mon 23 Jul				
Tue 24 Jul				
Wed 25 Jul				
Thu 26 Jul	9:30am	<a href="#">Cabinet</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
	2pm	<a href="#">Climate and Environment Advisory Committee</a>	Mezzanine	<a href="#">Liz Pinchen</a>
Fri 27 Jul	10am	<a href="#">Grants Advisory Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Mon 30 Jul				
Tue 31 Jul	9:30am	<a href="#">Audit &amp; Corporate Governance Committee</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
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](mailto:refuse@scambs.gov.uk)

Streets / litter bins etc. [streets@scambs.gov.uk](mailto: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'	<a href="#">Link</a>	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	<a href="#">Link</a>	SCDC mentioned at bottom of article. Mainly focussed on County Economy & Environment Cttee
16/07/2018	Cambridge	New school in Cambridgeshire would	<a href="#">Link</a>	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	<a href="#">Link</a>	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)



### 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.

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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

## Connecting Cambridgeshire update for South Cambridgeshire District Council Members - May 2018

### Overview

The Connecting Cambridgeshire programme is improving 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.

Our Smart Places programme is exploring how digital technology and data can be used to develop innovative solutions to challenges in the Cambridge area and beyond.

Connecting Cambridgeshire is led by Cambridgeshire County Council working with Peterborough City Council, Government bodies, local councils, and external organisations, including telecoms suppliers.

### Digital Connectivity

The superfast broadband rollout programme has already reached over 96% of homes and businesses, and is targeting to have over 99% coverage countywide by the end of 2020. A third phase of the fibre broadband rollout is underway, and a fourth phase is being planned to reach remaining areas over the next two years.

The programme is now being extended to target improvements voice and data mobile (2G & 4G), extend full fibre networks, trial 5G (next generation mobile) and increase public access Wifi coverage over the next four years.

These ambitious plans will be supported by a £5.6m investment recently agreed by the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Board, as part of a shared vision for fixed and mobile connectivity to underpin the region's growth and prosperity.

The programme has also been allocated £4m additional Government funding for Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN), which includes increasing the availability of full fibre networks along a 'digital innovation corridor' from St Ives to Linton and supporting businesses to access fibre networks.

Take up of fibre broadband is among the highest in the country at over 53%. The contract with BT includes a clawback clause which has enabled an additional funding stream of over £10m to be made available for Phases Three and Four. We are also seeking funding support from DEFRA and the EU to extend delivery to rural areas.

### Informing residents and businesses

The Connecting Cambridgeshire website [www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk) is the main source of information about the programme and is currently being updated to reflect the wider programme.

We receive a large volume of queries by email [Connecting.Cambridgeshire@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Connecting.Cambridgeshire@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) and endeavour to answer these promptly. We also correspond with Parish clerks, Broadband Champions and community representatives to keep residents updated about the rollout.

Attached is some advice for households and businesses about getting superfast broadband, which you may find useful if asked.

### Contact us

The Connecting Cambridgeshire and Smart Cambridge team is based in Shire Hall, Cambridge. We work closely with district council colleagues and are happy to answer Member's queries about the programme or arrange briefing sessions, on request.

Please email [contact@connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk](mailto:contact@connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk) or call us on 01223 703293.

## Getting Superfast Broadband – advice for households and businesses

- Connecting Cambridgeshire is rolling out superfast broadband access to homes and businesses that would not be able to get it otherwise, but the higher speeds are not automatic - you need to upgrade to a fibre broadband package with your chosen Internet Service Provider.
- Check current and planned broadband coverage for your area using the postcode checker on the Connecting Cambridgeshire website at [www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk) which has advice on how to upgrade to superfast broadband. You can also register your contact details to be updated when superfast broadband goes live in your area.
- Once you have upgraded to superfast broadband, if you are not happy with the speeds, find they vary, or have problems with the service dropping out, you need to take this up with your Internet Service Provider first.
- Some broadband problems can be caused by internal wiring. One of our long-standing broadband champions has provide some useful tips to help improve your broadband speeds on his website here: <https://www.increasebroadbandspeed.co.uk/tips-speed-up-broadband>
- There are options available if you cannot get superfast yet including satellite, mobile or wireless technology. You may be eligible for the Government's Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme offering vouchers of up to £400 to help pay for installation and first year service costs if your area is not due to be covered by the rollout within 12 months. Further details and an application form are available on the website under [Other Technologies](#).
- If you have any further queries, please email [Connecting.Cambridgeshire@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Connecting.Cambridgeshire@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) including your full address and postcode to help us look into your issue.