

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2019**



South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

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**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 30 May to Friday 14 June**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 30 May				
Fri 31 May	9am	<a href="#">Grants Advisory Committee</a>	Swansley Room A	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Mon 3 Jun				
Tue 4 Jun	10am	<a href="#">Civic Affairs Committee</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Wed 5 Jun	9:30am	<a href="#">Cabinet</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Thu 6 Jun	2pm	<a href="#">Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">GCP Team</a>
Fri 7 Jun				
Mon 10 Jun				
Tue 11 Jun				
Wed 12 Jun	10am	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Thu 13 Jun	5:20pm	<a href="#">Scrutiny &amp; Overview Committee</a>	Swansley Room	<a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a>
Fri 14 Jun				

**INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS**

**2. Community Right to Challenge**

A national initiative called Community Right to Challenge was introduced under the Government's Localism Act and gives voluntary and community groups, charities and parish councils the opportunity to make formal expressions of interest in running Council services if they believe they can provide them in a more efficient, responsive or cost-effective way. The period to put forward an expression of interest is now open and local groups have got until the end of July to challenge for the running of our services.

Visit [www.scams.gov.uk/community-development/community-rights/community-right-to-challenge/](http://www.scams.gov.uk/community-development/community-rights/community-right-to-challenge/) for more information.

**Contact:** Ryan Coetsee on [ryan.coetsee@scams.gov.uk](mailto:ryan.coetsee@scams.gov.uk) or 01954 713 461.

**3. Housing Related Support Services**

We wanted to make you aware of some changes to the Housing Related Support Services funded by Cambridgeshire County Council. The attached briefing provides a more detailed explanation. You may wish to note that, at this point in time, there is limited impact to schemes and services within South Cambridgeshire. However, future provision decisions may be influenced by the outcomes of the review. Further information can be provided by Heather Wood [heather.wood@scams.gov.uk](mailto:heather.wood@scams.gov.uk) or Sue Carter [susan.carter@scams.gov.uk](mailto:susan.carter@scams.gov.uk) if required.

## 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.

### 4. Enforcement Training: Mon 3 June at 2:30pm

Course: Enforcement Workshop  
Date: Monday 3 June  
Time: 2:30pm to 5:30pm  
Venue: Swansley Room

### 5. Planning Committee Training: Wed 5 June (all day) at City Council

Planning Committee training is available for our District Councillors on Wednesday 5 June from 9:30am to 4:30pm at Cambridge City Council.

Please note that Article 8.06 of the Council's Constitution states that "No member shall be eligible to sit on a regulatory committee unless and until they have undertaken suitable training upon appointment to such committee."

Please contact [Democratic Services](#) for more details or if you have any queries regarding this.

### 6. Licensing Committee Training: Mon 10 June (all day) City Council

Licensing Committee training is available for our District Councillors on Monday 10 June from 9:30am to 4:30pm at Cambridge City Council.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 7. 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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Publication</b>	<b>Details</b>		
22/05/2019	Cambridge News	Funding boost for barn Trust	P15	
22/05/2019	ITV News Anglia	PM Bulletin: Clip of Cllr Tumi Hawkins being interviewed about Urban&Civic planning permission	N/A	
22/05/2019	Cambridge Independent	Getting active is all about Parklife	Page 2	
22/05/2019	Cambridge Independent	Bank holiday bin day changes	Page 4	
22/05/2019	Cambridge Independent	Travellers return to private land despite bollards	Page 17	
22/05/2019	Cambridge Independent	Children give the presentations at science festival	Page 20	South Cambs mentioned as a supporter of the free event in Cambourne
23/05/2019	Local Gov Online	Can investing in property pay for services?	<a href="#">Link</a>	
25/05/2019	Cambridge News online	Dog walker's fury after finding hundreds of 'hippy crack' canisters in village	<a href="#">Link</a>	
26/05/2019	ITV News Anglia online	Cambridgeshire 'Rail Community Group' marks first year of work	<a href="#">Link</a>	
26/05/2019	Cambridge Independent online	Results of the 2019 European elections in the East of England	<a href="#">Link</a>	
26/05/2019	Cambridge News online	How the East of England voted in the EU elections 2019	<a href="#">Link</a>	
27/05/2019	Cambridge News	Survey backs plans to cut congestion in city centre	P4	GCP article
28/05/2019	Cambridge News	Resident's anger at legal high laughing gas canisters in lay-by	P3	
28/05/2019	Architects' Journal online	Fletcher Priest's huge Cambridgeshire MOD land scheme wins approval	<a href="#">Link</a>	
28/05/2019	Royston Crow online	European elections 2019: Breakdown of how North Herts and South Cambs	<a href="#">Link</a>	
28/05/2019	Cambridge Independent online	Harston Residents Association: 'We need a travel plan to rid village of 18,800 vehicles'	<a href="#">Link</a>	GCP article

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Cambridge News

Plans to cut car  
journeys into city

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GCP article

## 8. 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 24 May: *Sky News Online*: [EU citizens complain of being denied right to vote](#)  
EU citizens living in the UK have reportedly been unable to vote in the European elections.

Saturday 25 May: *BBC Online*: [Home extension planning rules eased](#)  
Home owners across England will be able to extend their properties quickly and easily without the need for a full planning application.

Saturday 25 May: *Independent*: [Households in temporary accommodation rise almost 75% this decade](#)  
A total of 83,700 households were in bed and breakfast and other temporary accommodation at the end of December 2018, including 124,490 children.

Sunday 26 May: *Mail on Sunday*: [Recycling](#)  
A BBC documentary by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall reveals supermarket packaging and English council recycling bags have been dumped in rubbish piles in Malaysia.

Tuesday 28 May: *Independent Online*: [Universal Credit staff strike](#)  
Staff at two sites dealing with Universal Credit will begin a two-day strike today in a row over workloads and recruitment.

Wednesday 29 May: *BBC Online*: [English councils warned on "running out" of reserve cash](#)  
Several councils in England risk running out of cash reserves if recent spending continues, according to analysis of a report by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

Wednesday 29 May: *Telegraph*: [UK may have to take back hundreds of tonnes of plastic](#)  
Britain may have to take back hundreds of tonnes of unwanted plastic waste from Malaysia after the country's environment minister said it would not be treated as the world's "dumping ground".

## 9. 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.

#### EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE 22 MAY 2019



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'](#).

#### 10. Provisional of 36 Affordable Dwellings at Bennell Farm, Toft

Lead Cabinet Member for Housing

**AGREED** To approve South Cambridgeshire District Council entering into Heads of Terms followed thereafter by a contract to purchase 36 affordable homes on a site at Bennell Farm, Toft.

*This decision was first published on Friday 24 May and so the deadline for call-in is Tuesday 4 June, which is a day later than usual due to the bank holiday.*

#### 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/the-council/access-to-information/access-to-information-summary/>

#### OTHER INFORMATION

#### 11. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



#### Agendas

- [Grants Advisory Committee 31 May](#)
- [Civic Affairs Committee 4 June](#)
- [Cabinet 5 June](#)

#### Decisions

- [Provision of 36 affordable dwellings at Toft](#)

#### Minutes

- [Grants Advisory Committee 26 April](#)

#### Issues

- [Cambridge Home Improvement Agency \(CHIA\) Shared Service Agreement](#)
- [Investment Strategy Stream 3 – Investment Partnerships](#)

## 12. SDCDC Starters and Leavers



#### New Employees at the Council

Name: Marc Chessum  
Job title: Refuse Loader  
Date started: 20 May 2019

Name: Benjamin Mee  
Job title: Business Admin Apprentice  
Date started: 20 May 2019



#### Staff who have left/will be leaving

Name: Jane Cullum  
Job title: Rents Assistant  
Date leaving: 31 May 2019

Name: Lorna Gilbert  
Job title: Senior Planner  
Date leaving: 29 May 2019

Name: Danielle Gillibrand  
Job title: Refuse Loader  
Date leaving: 13 June 2019

Name: Tracey Horner  
Job title: Project Officer  
Date leaving: 12 June 2019

Name: Ffion Jones  
Job title: Historic Buildings Consultancy Officer  
Date leaving: 31 May 2019

Name: Eileen Paterson  
Job title: Planning Delivery Manager



Date leaving: 24 May 2019

Name: Edward Spicer  
Job title: M & E Surveyor  
Date leaving: 17 June 2019

Name: David White  
Job title: Waste Compliance Officer  
Date leaving: 31 May 2019

Name: Pat Wilkinson  
Job title: Electoral Services Assistant  
Date leaving: 27 June 2019