

**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	Grants Advisory Committee	Swansley Room A	Ian Senior
Mon 3 Jun				
Tue 4 Jun	10am	Civic Affairs Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
Wed 5 Jun	9:30am	Cabinet	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 6 Jun	2pm	Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly	Council Chamber	GCP Team
Fri 7 Jun				
Mon 10 Jun				
Tue 11 Jun				
Wed 12 Jun	10am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 13 Jun	5:20pm	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
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/ for more information.

Contact: Ryan Coetsee on 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 or Sue Carter 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

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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.

Date	Publication	Details		
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?	Link	
25/05/2019	Cambridge News online	Dog walker's fury after finding hundreds of 'hippy crack' canisters in village	Link	
26/05/2019	ITV News Anglia online	Cambridgeshire 'Rail Community Group' marks first year of work	Link	
26/05/2019	Cambridge Independent online	Results of the 2019 European elections in the East of England	Link	
26/05/2019	Cambridge News online	How the East of England voted in the EU elections 2019	Link	
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	Link	
28/05/2019	Royston Crow online	European elections 2019: Breakdown of how North Herts and South Cambs	Link	
28/05/2019	Cambridge Independent online	Harston Residents Association: 'We need a travel plan to rid village of 18,800 vehicles'	Link	GCP article

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Cambridge News

Plans to cut car
journeys into city

P8

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. SCDC 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

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HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT BRIEFING NOTE

Summary - What is Housing Related Support?

Housing Related Support funds a range of services provided across Cambridgeshire which support more than 1,500 vulnerable people including those at risk of homelessness, domestic violence, alcoholism, substance abuse and mental health problems. This funding pays for dedicated support staff who are able to deliver specialist support to meet the specific needs of each vulnerable person. Costs relating to accommodation, such as rent and service charges, are **not** covered by this funding.

To ensure that people get the best outcome possible, the County is exploring new models of delivery that promote best practice. These enable the service users to receive a support service which can meet their changing needs in a positive and flexible way. This transformation work can help CCC meet its savings target by finding more effective methods that develop people's independence and therefore reduce their dependency on services.

Background:

- The County Council currently spends £7.5m on Housing Related Support (HRS) services in Cambridgeshire.
- This funding was originally part of a ring-fenced grant allocation to the County Council under the government's former Supporting People Programme. The main aim of the programme was to enable vulnerable people who were homeless or at risk of homelessness to maintain or to achieve independence through the provision of housing-related support.
- In two tier authorities, the Supporting People Grant was allocated to the County Council who administered it in partnership with the District Councils.
- The Supporting People Programme ended in 2010, the ring-fence was removed, and the funding became part of the County Council's core funding from central Government.
- Although the County Council has continued to fund these services to help a range of young people and adults, these are not statutory services and the majority of those using the services would not ordinarily be eligible for care or support from adult's or children's services.

Despite the fact that there is no statutory requirement for the county council to provide these services, we have continued to recognise the value of these services and the potential they have to contribute to the prevention agenda. This is significant given that many Councils across the country no longer have any HRS funding or are dramatically reducing their HRS budgets.

HRS is not a housing budget, its purpose is to provide support to help people address the needs which have led to them becoming homeless or being at risk of homelessness. In some cases, individuals supported have complex and enduring needs. By addressing support needs earlier through these preventative HRS

services, we can divert people away from needing crisis or higher level care and support services. District Council partners, who have the statutory duty of housing and homelessness, use and value the HRS services which the County commissions, as it assists them in preventing and alleviating homelessness for the vulnerable people in their areas.

What is the Housing Related Support Review?

HRS delivery has not been reviewed in Cambridgeshire for many years, although the circumstances that people find themselves in and the landscape within which we operate has changed dramatically. A Commissioning Review of general homelessness services was carried out in 2017, and one of the key recommendations from this review was that a full Housing Related Support (HRS) Review should be carried out across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, which would then inform the development of a Joint Supported Housing Commissioning Strategy.

The aim of the HRS review was:

- To provide an understanding of the needs of people being supported
- To understand the Strategic Relevance of all services:
 - Demand for service
 - Need for service
 - Use of service
 - Length of time people remain in services
 - Whether people move on in a positive way
 - Level of need they are targeted at and level of need they are actually supporting
- To identify opportunities for transformation of supported housing and consider new /innovative approaches to service delivery
- To identify opportunities for joint commissioning
- To determine the best procurement option for services i.e. tender and contract or grant award or spot purchase
- To ensure that commissioned services are providing best value
- To identify areas where savings could be achieved across CCC HRS services
- To gather the views of providers and partners
- To understand what outcomes services are achieving for clients

Based on findings from the review, savings have been identified to be delivered over 3 years. Where possible, savings are being generated through remodelling or redesign rather than decommissioning.

The HRS vision

One of the key goals of the review was to develop a commissioning strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough that identified new and cost effective ways to support vulnerable people and to provide them with better outcomes.

The review identified that many of the approaches currently in place are now out of date and have the potential to lock people in to a cycle of homelessness and temporary accommodation. We are looking at opportunities to explore new models and ways of working to enable us to provide the best outcomes we can with our partners and with the funding we have available. This includes adopting the internationally recognised Housing First model and using the St. Basil's Pathway to influence redesign of Young Person's HRS services in Cambridge City. These models are established best practice and have an evidence base that provides better outcomes for helping people gain greater resilience, independence and stability in their lives, taking them out of crisis. For example, the Housing First initiative aims to place people with complex needs who are homeless or rough sleeping into independent long term accommodation. By providing stable accommodation we can provide people with a foundation to begin to address their other needs and issues, giving access to flexible, personalised and non-time-limited support in their homes and communities. The County Council is working in partnership with Cambridge City Council to deliver Housing First for Cambridge. There is already a small pilot operating in the area and the intention is to build on this and explore variations on this model so it can meet different people's needs.

For more information on Housing First, please visit <https://hfe.homeless.org.uk/abouthousing-first>.

What's next?

The HRS review will implement the changes over a three year period to lessen the impact on providers and residents and to ensure we provide coordination around new developments and models. This will ensure that services commissioned are able to provide the best possible support and outcomes for people and are aligned with recognised good practice. In the medium term future we will be:

- Planning the expansion of the Housing First model
- Developing proposals for the redesign of young persons' services
- Developing a joint HRS commissioning strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

All future decisions relating to individual support arrangements will be taken by the relevant County Council Committee before being implemented. Prior to this, we will also ensure that both County and District Councillors in the areas where we are proposing to make service changes are notified of these proposals.

For further information please contact HRSReview@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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