

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 2019**



South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

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**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 4 July to Friday 19 July**

| Date       | Time    | Name   | Venue           | Contact                             |
|------------|---------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Thu 4 Jul  | 9:30am  | <a href="#">Extraordinary Council</a><br>No questions or motions | Council Chamber | <a href="#">Democratic Services</a> |
| Fri 5 Jul  |         |  |                 |                                     |
| Mon 8 Jul  | 10am    | <a href="#">Climate &amp; Environment Advisory Committee</a>     | Monkfield Room  | <a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>       |
|            | 11:59pm | Deadline for Questions and Motions for Council on 18 July        |                 |                                     |
| Tue 9 Jul  |         |  |                 |                                     |
| Wed 10 Jul | 10am    | <a href="#">Planning Committee</a>                               | Council Chamber | <a href="#">Ian Senior</a>          |
| Thu 11 Jul |         |  |                 |                                     |
| Fri 12 Jul |         |  |                 |                                     |
| Mon 15 Jul |         |  |                 |                                     |
| Tue 16 Jul | 5pm     | <a href="#">Scrutiny &amp; Overview Committee</a>                | Swansley Room   | <a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a>    |
| Wed 17 Jul |         |  |                 |                                     |
| Thu 18 Jul | 2pm     | <a href="#">Council</a>  | Council Chamber | <a href="#">Democratic Services</a> |
| Fri 19 Jul |         |  |                 |                                     |

**INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS**

**2. Planned Road Closures for Week Commencing 1 July relating to A14 Improvements**

To contact your A14 sections stakeholder manager, please use the email addresses below or the A14 helpline.

Section 1 & 2: Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line  
**John Birchall** - [John.Birchall@theA14.com](mailto:John.Birchall@theA14.com)

Section 3: East Coast Main Line to Swavesey  
**John Birchall** - [John.Birchall@theA14.com](mailto:John.Birchall@theA14.com)

Section 4 & 5: Swavesey to Milton  
**John Akester** - [John.Akester@thea14.com](mailto:John.Akester@thea14.com)

A14 helpline **0800 270 0114** - This will be answered by a team member during site hours 8am - 5pm and messages can be left at other times. Further updates as the scheme progresses can be found on the [website](#).

**3. A14 Monthly Parish Newsletter**

The attached newsletter provides you with updates from June to July, in relation to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme.

**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. Rural Exception Sites Tour - Thu 4 July at 10:30am

One of the Council's key priorities is to provide affordable housing for local people. District Councillors are invited to attend this coach tour of Rural Exception Sites, which will provide a better understanding of how these sites are delivered and how they can benefit our villages.

Date: Thursday 4 July

Time: 10:30am ending with buffet lunch at 1:30pm

Venue: Starts in the Council Chamber

More details are available in the attached flyer.

If you wish to attend, please contact either [Uzma.Ali@scams.gov.uk](mailto:Uzma.Ali@scams.gov.uk) or [Gina.Manderson@scams.gov.uk](mailto:Gina.Manderson@scams.gov.uk) by 27 June 2019.

### 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  |                      |   |
|------------|------------------------------|--|----------------------|---|
| 26/06/2019 | Cambridge 105 radio          | Cllr Bridget Smith interviewed about appointment as environment lead on Oxford-Cambridge arc | <a href="#">Link</a> |   |
| 26/06/2019 | Let's Recycle.com            | Electric vehicles round-up: GCSW electric bin lorry trial                                    | <a href="#">Link</a> |   |
| 26/06/2019 | Cambridge Independent        | South-west travel hub 'will help free up Park & Rides'                                       | P9                   | GCP article   |
| 26/06/2019 | Cambridge Independent        | At a glance: The travel schemes to get Cambridge moving                                      | P8                   | CA / GCP article  |
| 26/06/2019 | Cambridge Independent        | Electric-powered bin lorries are anything but rubbish  | P12                  |   |
| 26/06/2019 | Cambridge Independent        | Opening delay to hit new town's secondary school   | P16                  |   |
| 27/06/2019 | Cambridge News               | Volunteer group hits out at park and ride scheme   | P6                   | GCP article   |
| 27/06/2019 | Circom                       | Councils investigate the potential of electric-powered waste fleet                           | <a href="#">Link</a> |   |
| 30/06/2019 | Cambridge Independent online | 50 ways to live a greener life in Cambridgeshire - part 2                                    | <a href="#">Link</a> |   |
| 30/06/2019 | Peterborough Telegraph       | Calls to invest large reserves at  | <a href="#">Link</a> | Cllr Bridget Smith's comments from the meeting included |

|            |                          |   |                      |  |
|------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------|--|
|            | online                   | Peterborough and Cambridgeshire mayoral authority                     |                      |  |
| 01/07/2019 | BBC News online          | Cambridge college unveils blue plaque for 'pioneering' women founders | <a href="#">Link</a> |  |
| 02/07/2019 | Cambridge Network online | First Blue Plaque for South Cambridgeshire                            | <a href="#">Link</a> |  |
| 02/07/2019 | 24 Housing online        | Smiles all round for new Accent Homes in Fulbourn                     | <a href="#">Link</a> |  |
| 02/07/2019 | Cambridge Network online | Council calls for strengthened green commitment ahead of A428 upgrade | <a href="#">Link</a> |  |

## 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.

Thursday 27 June, *Mail*: [Council tax collection](#)

More than £1 billion in council tax – equating to nearly £1 in every £30 – was not collected by councils in England last year.

Thursday 27 June, *Telegraph*: [Recycling rejection rates](#)

Up to half of “recyclable” material is not being recycled in some areas of England, according to government figures analysed by the Telegraph.

Thursday 27 June, *Mail*: [Talking homes in Rutland to ease dementia](#)

Britain’s first dementia-friendly village with talking houses and adjustable street signs is being developed in Rutland, East Midlands.

Friday 28 June, *Telegraph*: [UK will miss recycling target](#)

Recycling rates have stalled at 45 per cent since 2017, with a recent impact assessment by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs accepting the UK will miss its target of 65 per cent of waste recycled by 2035.

Saturday 29 June, *Mail Online*: [Council tax collection rates](#)

New figures released this week reveal the council tax collection rates for all 326 local authorities in England, showing the total collection rate in the financial year was 97.04 per cent.

Saturday 29 June, *Telegraph*: [40 per cent of black bin rubbish could be recycled, survey finds](#)

More than 40 per cent of waste being thrown in general household bins could be recycled amid confusion about what can be reused, according to a survey.

Sunday 30 June, *Sunday Telegraph*: [Parliament to fly county flags as new Prime Minister is announced](#)

County flags are to be flown outside parliament for the first time in a bid to celebrate the “rich and proud heritage of our nation”, the Government has announced.

Tuesday 2 July, *BBC Online*: [Councils ‘in the dark’ over future funding amid cash warnings](#)

The LGA has warned that councils are ‘completely in the dark’ over how much money they will get from central government next year, and has called for ‘urgent guarantees’ they will get enough to provide key services like child protection and social care.

Tuesday 2 July, *Huffington Post*: [Women make up 34 per cent of England's councillors](#)  
Research by the Fawcett Society has shown that just 34 per cent of England's councillors are female, despite this year's poll election some 8,410 new local representatives.

Tuesday 2 July, *Sky News Online*: [Fifth of farmland could be used to plant trees to hit carbon target](#)  
A fifth of land currently used for farming could be transformed into new woodland and forests as part of the Government's legal obligation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050.

Wednesday 3 July, *Guardian*: [James Jamieson, Chairman of LGA, says that councils should be allowed to charge higher taxes to cope with funding crisis](#)  
Local authorities should be given the freedom to raise council taxes to help cope with the unprecedented funding crisis facing social care services, the new Chairman of the LGA said.

## 7. 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.scambsgov.uk/the-council/access-to-information/access-to-information-summary/>

## OTHER INFORMATION

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



#### *Meeting Notes*



#### Agendas

- [Council 4 July](#)
- [Climate & Environment Advisory Committee 8 July](#)
- [Planning Committee 10 July](#)

#### Minutes

- [Planning Committee 12 June](#)

#### Issues

- [Business Plan 2019-2024](#)
- [Capital Budget Provisional Outturn 2018/19](#)
- [Capital Programme Update and New Bids](#)
- [Economic Growth Plan](#)
- [Fees and Charges](#)
- [General Fund Budget Provisional Outturn 2018/19](#)
- [Housing Revenue Account \(HRA\) Provisional Outturn 2018/19](#)
- [Investment Partnerships – Members agreements](#)
- [Local Transport Plan](#)
- [Medium Term Financial Strategy](#)
- [Reserves and Provisions](#)
- [Revenue Budget Trend](#)
- [Revenue Budget Trends \(Quarter 2\)](#)
- [Service Modernisation Proposals: Guiding Principles](#)
- [Service Plans](#)
- [Service Transformation: Savings Proposals](#)
- [Shared Services: Update](#)
- [Treasury Management Annual Report](#)
- [Value for Money Strategy](#)