

COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY 2019

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 1 August to Friday 16 August 2019

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 1 Aug				
Fri 2 Aug				
Mon 5 Aug				
Tue 6 Aug				
Wed 7 Aug	9:30am	Cabinet - CANCELLED		
Thu 8 Aug				
Fri 9 Aug				
Mon 12 Aug				
Tue 13 Aug				
Wed 14 Aug	10am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 15 Aug				
Fri 16 Aug				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Notification of A14 Road Closures

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

Section 1 & 2: Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line
John Birchall - John.Birchall@theA14.com

Section 3: East Coast Main Line to Swavesey
John Birchall - John.Birchall@theA14.com

Section 4 & 5: Swavesey to Milton
John Akester - 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. Zero Carbon Communities Grant

The Zero Carbon Communities grant will be launched on Monday 5 August and will offer grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 for local groups and parish councils to spend on activities that reduce carbon emissions, reliance on fossil fuels and also engage communities. Applications for the 1st round of the scheme will need to be submitted by 31 October. Details including guidance, scheme criteria and the application form will be online from Monday at: www.scams.gov.uk/zerocarbongrant.

A Briefing for Members will be held in the Chamber on Friday 2 August at 10:00 am. The Briefing will outline details of the scheme including how to apply and the process for determining awards, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

4. News from the Police and Crime Commissioner - UN World Day Against Trafficking by Police Commissioner

What follows is a news release from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite is today (Tuesday 30th July) calling on members of the public to spot the signs of human trafficking and to report any suspicious behaviour to the police.

Victims of human trafficking or modern slavery often show signs of physical or psychological abuse, fear of authorities, and carry out irregular activity at homes or addresses. They often have poor living conditions and work long hours for little or no pay.

In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, victims of trafficking and modern day slavery are able to receive support from Victim and Witness Care Co-ordinators, funded by the Commissioner. Victim Care Coordinators join police officers and multi-agency colleagues on police operations and checks on houses of multiple occupancy (HMOs). Their input has changed the way these visits are approached; treating people as victims first, not criminals, educating them of their rights and supporting them to seek help.

Support offered includes liaison between agencies and service providers and/or signposting or referral to locally commissioned services. It can also include housing or financial management and support to return to victims home countries.

In 2017/18 a total of 252 victims accessed support.

One of the posts is job-shared by a Lithuanian and a Romanian-speaking member of staff enabling the wider Victim and Witness Hub to support both nationalities in their native language and many others through common languages.

Case study: Peter (not his real name) came to the UK from Lithuania after being promised work and accommodation however once he arrived in the country, he had his passport taken. A bank account was opened in his name without him having access. He was made to work long hours but only allowed a small amount of money per week from his wages. If he wanted to leave the house he had to tell the exploiters exactly where he was going and what he was doing, and if he didn't, he would be beaten up. He managed to jump onto a random bus, which happened to be going to Peterborough. Once there, he slept rough until the Victim Care Coordinators became aware of him. He was put up in a hotel and provided with clothes and toiletries. The Care Coordinators were able to deal with the bank on his behalf and get to his last wage before it was taken by the exploiters.

“When he came into contact with us, he was completely broken and kept saying that he had nothing left to live for,” Care Coordinator, Alina Jablonske explains, “the beatings that he was subjected to were humiliating and the loss of freedom affected him so much that it was too much for him to deal with.”

P has now chosen to go back home. Alina adds: “We arranged his travel and stayed with him until he got on the plane. Once back in Lithuania, P told me that the fact he was able to have support from a Lithuanian speaker helped build his confidence and restore his faith.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite said: “Throughout the whole support relationship, the Care Coordinators advocate on their victim’s behalf in a manner which empowers them to make their own choices. They provide specialist expertise to police officers and staff to make sure migrant victims of trafficking are dealt with sensitively. We all have a part to play in stopping this exploitation from happening. By reporting suspicions you could be saving lives.”

DCI Alan Page, the Constabulary’s tactical lead for modern slavery and human trafficking, said:

“Tackling modern slavery is a force priority and while we’re working hard to address it, we can’t do it alone. Increasing information in modern day slavery and human trafficking is key to protecting the vulnerable. We work closely with partners, including the National Crime Agency (NCA) and the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA).

“Slavery still exists in Cambridgeshire and it’s important that people are aware of the signs of modern slavery and human trafficking, and report any concerns to us.”

5. News from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner: Further details of proposed new police station for South Cambridgeshire published

What follows is a news release from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite has today (Tuesday 30th July) made further information available on his website in support of his proposal to build a new police station in Milton, Cambridge.

The information, published on the Commissioner’s website, formalises the proposal to build a new southern police station at the request of Chief Constable Nick Dean and includes: papers concerning the operational need for the new station and background about how the search for a suitable site was carried out, followed by a Business Case to be approved at meeting.

Over the last few weeks, members of the public were invited to give their early views on the proposal, views which are being considered in advance of planning application.

The Commissioner said: “I am grateful to everyone who has taken the time to let me know their views about my proposal to build a new police station in Milton and would like to thank people for raising concerns. Whilst the majority of people taking part in the survey understand the operational need behind my proposal, there have been a number of concerns put forward including increased traffic, noise pollution, greenbelt concerns, and public safety. Those concerns will help inform future consultation on the project in the weeks to come.”

Chief Constable Nick Dean added: “The business case formalises the operational need for a new police station in the south of the county, in order to future proof our ability to police Cambridgeshire, given the level of growth anticipated in the surrounding areas and the changing nature of crime and demand on our services, while maintaining a police station presence in the city centre.”

A link to the published papers is here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/accessing-information/decision-making/business-coordination-board/bcb-31st-july-2019/>

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		
24/07/19	Cambridge News	Building of bridge on the Chisholm Trail is to begin next month	P3	GCP article
24/07/19	Cambridge Independent	Green light for 420-place primary school in village	P21	SCDC Local Plan mentioned re. county council's application to build on land in the green belt and requirement to notify SoS
26/07/19	Let's Recycle.com	Waste collectors fight the heatwave	Link	
26/07/19	Cambridge News	Vital service loses funding from NHS	P6	Article about Dial-a-ride losing NHS funding, referencing that SCDC withdrew funding four years ago
29/07/19	Public Sector Executive online	Celebrating a decade of local government shared service success	Link	
29/07/19	Cambridge News online	Cambridgeshire councils pledge to double green spaces by 2050	Link	
29/07/19	BBC Look East	Evening bulletin: Report on fly-tip campaign	N/A	
30/07/19	Cambridge News online	New wildlife maps will support Cambridgeshire achieving biodiversity goals	Link	
30/07/19	Cambridge Network online	Fly-tipping footage released as Council launches campaign to tackle the problem	Link	
30/07/19	Cambridge News	New data maps will give nature hope for future	P10	
30/07/19	Cambridge News	All but one authority to miss its annual accounts deadline	P14	
30/07/19	Circular Online	Council stages "mock fly-tip" to see how residents react	Link	
30/07/19	Cambridge News online	All but one Cambridgeshire councils have failed to get their accounts in order to meet a key financial deadline	Link	
30/07/19	Cambridge News online	Cambridgeshire councils to miss deadline to publish audited end of year accounts	Link	
31/07/19	Cambridge News online	People asked not to overload bins over summer as number of binmen injuries rocket	Link	
31/07/19	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Clr Neil Gough interviewed on breakfast about fly-tipping campaign	10 mins	

31/07/19	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Report into Milton Park and Ride fly-tip stunt	in 1h 5m and 2h 5m in	
31/07/19	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	AM bulletins: Fly-tipping campaign	N/A	
31/07/19	Cambridge News	Park and ride dump stunt to highlight fly-tipping	P5	
31/07/19	Cambridge News	New charity shop opens in Cambourne	P6	Cllr Bridget Smith officially opens new British Heart Foundation shop in Cambourne
31/07/19	Cambridge News	Councils commit to double green spaces in county	P11	
31/07/19	Cambridge Independent	New store will help fund vital heart research	P2	Cllr Bridget Smith officially opens new British Heart Foundation shop in Cambourne
31/07/19	Cambridge Independent	Metro business case costs jump by £1.7 million	P5	CA article
31/07/19	Cambridge Independent	The drive to double nature in county by 2050	P8 & P9	
31/07/19	Cambridge Independent	Maps show biodiversity opportunities	P9	Cllr Pippa Heylings quoted
31/07/19	Cambridge Independent	We dumped rubbish...and not one person reported it'	P11	
31/07/19	Cambridge Independent	12.5 mile bin round taking its toll on ageing workforce	P20	

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 25 July: *BBC Online*: [Robert Jenrick appointed as Communities Secretary](#)
Robert Jenrick has appointed as Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government by new Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Thursday 25 July: *Mail*: [Johnson urged to overhaul business rates to save High Street](#)
Boris Johnson has been urged to overhaul business rates after it was reported that 72,000 jobs disappeared from the High Street over the past year.

Saturday 27 July: *Mail*: [Public supports call for deposits on drinks cans and bottles](#)
Almost three-quarters (72%) of people would support a deposit return system for plastic and glass drinks bottles and aluminium cans being rolled out across the UK, according to a survey by the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

Tuesday 30 July: *BBC Online*: [Tree planting rise "needs to happen quickly"](#)
Significant rises in tree planting in the UK "needs to happen quickly" if other targets to cut carbon are not met, government advisers have warned.

Wednesday 31 July: *i Paper*: [Opinion we need to build more council houses](#)

In an opinion piece, Channel 4 host George Clarke outlines how new council homes in the UK require “the very best in space and ecological standards”.

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.

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 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'](#).

9. Consultation response A428 Detail Design Consultation - Specific & Joint Response

The Deputy Leader of Council **AGREED** to support the A428 Detail Design Consultation document.

This decision was first published on Monday 29 August and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 5 August at 5pm.

10. Community Chest Grants - July 2019

The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance agreed to award various Community Chest grants in line

with the recommendations made by the Grants Advisory Committee on 27 July.

This decision was published on Wednesday 31 July and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 7 August.

11. Sale of Land Adjacent to 31, Blakeland Hill, Duxford CB22 4RX

The Lead Cabinet Member for Housing agreed to sell HRA owned land adjacent to 31 Blakeland Hill, Duxford, with the capital receipt to fund affordable council new build housing.

This decision was published on Thursday 25 July and so the deadline for call-in is Thursday 1 August at 5pm.

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.scams.gov.uk/the-council/access-to-information/access-to-information-summary/>

OTHER INFORMATION

12. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Decisions

- [Sale of Land Adjacent to 31, Blakeland Hill, Duxford](#)
- [Consultation response A428 Detail Design Consultation – Specific & Joint Resposne](#)

Plans

- [Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

Issues

- [Options around maternity, premature birth and neo-natal leave](#)
- [Investment Strategy](#)
- [Potential Property Investment Decision](#)
- [Councillor appointment to A505 Royston to Granta Park Strategic Growth & Transport Study Steering Group](#)