



**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
THURSDAY, 2 JANUARY
2020**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 2 January to Friday 17 January 2020

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 2 Jan				
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Wed 8 Jan	9:30am	Cabinet	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 9 Jan				
Fri 10 Jan				
Mon 13 Jan				
Tue 14 Jan				
Wed 15 Jan	10am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 16 Jan				
Fri 17 Jan				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILLORS

2. Grant funding available for home repairs and energy efficiency measures for private households on low incomes

Through the Better Care Fund and in accordance with the Cambridgeshire Housing Adaptations & Repairs Policy, we are pleased to be able to offer assistance to help low income households to boost the energy efficiency of their homes and to help with repairs. For example, if people are struggling to heat their homes due to an old, faulty or inefficient boiler, we may be able to help pay for a new one through our Discretionary Grants scheme.

To qualify for a grant, householders will need to have owned and lived in their home for at least two years and be in receipt of one of the following means tested benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance or Income Based Employment Support Alliance
- Working Tax Credit with gross income less than £18,000
- Council Tax Support
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Or child tax credit with a relevant income less than £18,000

We may also be able to help with improving homes' insulation, replacing draughty windows and doors and carrying out a range of other essential repairs. Work is carried

out by our partners at the Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency who also carry out works for disabled adaptations, such as ramps, level access showers, stairlifts, etc.

If you know of anyone within your ward who may benefit from this support, please contact the Home Improvement Agency on 01954 713330 or HIA@CambsHIA.org

See [home improvement grants](#) for more information.

3. Annual Report to Tenants and Leaseholders 2018/19

The attached Annual Report to Tenants and Leaseholders 2018/19 has a wealth of information and highlights the impressive amount of work the Council did on behalf of its tenants and leaseholders in 2018/19.

The Report is also available on the Council's website:

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/housing/council-tenants/your-tenancy/annual-report-for-tenants-leaseholders/>

4. Community Right to Bid - Assets of Community Value

In Toft:



The Toft People's Hall - The council has approved the listing of The Toft People's Hall as an Asset of Community Value until 19 December 2024.

The Council will update the asset register accordingly.

Further information about the Community Right to Bid and Assets of Community Value can be found on our webpage:

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/acv>

GENERAL INFORMATION

5. Media Monitoring



The Council's Communications Team produce a weekly summary of recent news items which is published in the Bulletin to help keep members informed of recent coverage of the Council.

Please contact the [Communications Team](#) for further information.

Date	Publication	Details		
19/12/19	Cambridge News	Views sought on plans for new railway station	P3	Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer quoted in GCP role
19/12/19	Cambridge News	Crackdown on modern day slavery	P6	
20/12/19	Cambridge Network online	Council staff send Christmas cheer to local hospital	Link	

24/12/19	Cambridge Independent online	Your essential guide to Cambridge Christmas and New Year supermarket and doctors' surgery opening times	Link	Info from press release about festive bin collection dates
27/12/19	Cambridge Independent online	County council puts brakes on congestion charge plans	Link	SCDC referenced as a partner of the Greater Cambridge Partnership, and Cllr Van de Weyer quoted
28/12/19	Cambridge News	Why ban vans from council's recycling sites?	P19	Letters pages responding to CCC new e-permit scheme and SCDC new fly-tipping signs

6. 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 19 December, *Guardian*: [Depression and suicide linked to air pollution in new global study](#)

People living with air pollution have higher rates of depression and suicide, according to a systematic review of global data led by University College London.

Thursday 19 December, *i paper*: [Council generates own electricity](#)

A council is to become the first in the UK to produce all its own electricity after buying the first of two solar farms.

Monday 23 December, *Guardian*: [PM urged to overhaul flood defence funding](#)

Boris Johnson needs to overhaul the system for deciding where flood-defence funding is spent and launch an emergency response unit to prevent a repeat of the damage caused by the November floods.

Thursday 26 December, *Independent Online*: [Amount of flood-prone land used for new houses in England doubles in a year](#)

The amount of land being used to build new homes in England's most flood-prone areas has more than doubled in a year, figures reveal.

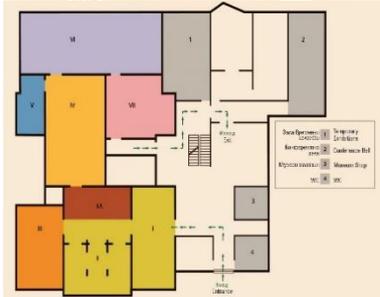
Friday 27 December, *Guardian*: [Inquiry ordered into insufficient insurance for flood hit homes](#)

Theresa Villiers, the Environment Secretary, said she was commissioning an inquiry into why some flooded communities were unable to get sufficient insurance, despite an agreement between insurers and the government in 2015 that was supposed to mean everyone would have access to affordable cover.

Monday 30 December, *Telegraph*: [Rubbish could be turned into fuel](#)

Household waste, surplus farmyard straw and discarded wood could be turned into fuel in a government-backed environmental scheme.

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](#).

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 18 DECEMBER 2019

Decision Making



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'](#).

8. Minor changes to documents supporting the Greater Cambridge Issues & Options consultation following consultation with Statutory Consultees - the Sustainability Appraisal Issues and Options Report and Habitats Regulations Assessment Scoping Report

The Lead Cabinet member for Planning **AGREED** to confirm the proposed content of the supporting documents for the Issues and Options consultation including the SA Scoping Report and NTS, SA of the Issues and Options Report and NTS, and Scoping Report of the HRA as set out in the documents appended to this decision.

9. Consultation response to Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan Proposed Submission

The Lead Cabinet Member for Planning **AGREED** to confirm that the representations set out in Appendix 2 of this decision should be made to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan Proposed Submission (Publication) Draft.

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/your-council-and-democracy/access-to-information/>

OTHER INFORMATION

10. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Cabinet 8 January](#)

Decisions

- [Minor changes to the Local Plan](#)
- [Consultation response to Cambs and Peterborough Minerals & Waste Local Plan](#)
- [Planning Committee 11 December](#)

Minutes

- [Climate & Environment Advisory Committee 19 November](#)
- [Council 28 November](#)
- [Cabinet 4 December](#)

Plans

- [Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

Issues

- [Council Tax Resolution 2020/21](#)
- [Business Plan 2020/21](#)
- [Policy for the allocation of Faith/Community Land at Northstowe](#)