



**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH
2020**

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 12 March to Friday 28 March

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 12 Mar	5:20 pm	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Council Chamber	Victoria Wallace
Fri 13 Mar				
Mon 16 Mar				
Tue 17 Mar				
Wed 18 Mar	10a m	Employment & Staffing Committee	Swansley A	Patrick Adams
Thu 19 Mar				
Fri 20 Mar				
Mon 23 Mar				
Tue 24 Mar	9:30 am	Audit & Corporate Governance Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
	2pm	Climate and Environment Advisory Committee - POSTPONED		
Wed 25 Mar				
Thu 26 Mar				
Fri 27 Mar	10a m	Grants Advisory Committee	Monkfield Room	Aaron Clarke

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. A14 Improvement Scheme: Planned Road Closures for Week Commencing 9 March

Please find attached road closures information for the week commencing Monday 9 March, in relation to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

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

John Birchall has now left the project. For all queries in relation to Section 1 & 2: Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line & Section 3: East Coast Main Line to Swavesey, please email A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk

Section 4 & 5: Swavesey to Milton
John Akester - John.Akester@thea14.com

Section 6: Huntingdon town centre
Liam Heath – liam.heath@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 Cambridge to Huntingdon Upgrade, SCDC Update - March 2020

Please find an update from the District Council regarding the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Upgrade.

UPCOMING DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Unless otherwise specified, please confirm your availability to attend any of the following briefing or training events by contacting [Jonathan Malton](#). 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. Investment Partnership Training: 12 March at 12 noon

It is proposed that Investment Partnerships will fulfil a substantial role in the delivery of the Council's Investment Strategy, with a £170m funding allocation in this investment stream anticipated by March 2024. It is proposed that Full Council will, on 2nd April, consider the recommendation from Cabinet on 4th March to enter into Limited Liability Partnerships with two Partners, Hill Partnerships Limited and Balfour Beatty Investments. It is essential that members who will be scrutinising this proposal are properly informed as to the nature and extent of these Partnerships. To this end, specific training on this issue has been organised on 12 March, timed to start and finish before the Scrutiny and Overview committee meeting.

The training will cover the following issues:

- The role of investment partnerships within the SCDC Investment Strategy
- Key ingredients for successful partnerships
- What the parties bring to the table
- Governance challenges within the investment partnerships
- Initial business case development and approval
- Exit strategies on investments
- Interaction between investment partnerships and Council policy framework
- Community engagement and public perceptions
- Case studies / experiences from elsewhere
- Legal basis (Haringey Case)

The training will be delivered by Chris Brain, an expert in the field who has previously provided member training to the Council on its Investment Strategy in April 2019. He is an expert in this field, able to easily disseminate what can sometimes seem an impenetrable subject in a highly accessible and enjoyable way.

Please advise Democratic Services if you can attend the training on Thursday 12 March from 12 noon to 4pm in the Council Chamber. Lunch will be provided.

5. Appeals Hearing Training: 18 March at 1:30PM

With the introduction of the new constitution, Members will have the opportunity to participate in employment appeals within the Council. As such, we are inviting all Members to attend an Appeals Hearing training session Wednesday 18th March from 13:30 until 16:00 in the Chamber.

The training will be delivered by Bill Kerr.

This training is designed to prepare Members to undertake appeal hearings effectively and fairly, taking into account developments in employment law and is suitable as a refresher for those who have attended previously, or for those who are undertaking this for the first time.

The training will cover the following key issues:

- Recognising the role of the Appeal Hearing in the relevant procedure.
- Exploring key legal and procedural points which must be understood when hearing an appeal.
- Practising key skills for Members involved in hearing appeals.
- Identifying the practical implications for Members in conducting Appeals Hearings.

Please advise Democratic Services if you can attend the training on Wednesday 18 March. If you have queries please contact Jonathan Malton at Jonathan.Malton@scambs.gov.uk. Please note that lunch will not be provided.

GENERAL INFORMATION

6. 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		
04/03/20	Cambridge News	Residents 'in limbo' over South Cambs planning 'pickle'	P8	
04/03/20	Cambridge Independent online	'A completely perfect pickle' - Councillor Deb Roberts hits out over South Cambridgeshire District Council's planning process	Link	
04/03/20	Cambridge Independent online	Roll-out of residents parking schemes in Cambridge could be suspended	Link	County / GCP article
04/03/20	Cambridge Independent	Council 'in a pickle' over planning	P5	
04/03/20	Cambridge Independent	Short-term plan to improve transport	P9	GCP / CA article
04/03/20	Cambridge Independent	Cllr Bridget Smith column: Let us help fund VE Day projects	P31	
05/03/20	Cambridge News	Council to rethink proposed residents' parking scheme	P6	County / GCP article
05/03/20	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Bridget Smith interviewed about upcoming International Women's Day 2020	1h 45 mins into show	
05/03/20	Cambridge Network online	Cambridge TV programme looks at plastic pollution	Link	
07/03/20	Rail Advert	New cycle storage planned at Meldreth	Link	

	online	railway station		
07/03/20	Cambridge News	Busway hold-ups could affect land supply	P5	
08/03/20	Cambridge Independent online	Scrapping off-road Cambourne to Cambridge busway could hit Bourn Airfield plans, warns councillor	Link	
Mar-20	Change.org	EXECUTIVE CAR DRIVER'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST LOCAL COUNCILS INTRUSION OF PASSENGER PRIVACY	Link	Online petition to SCDC
09/03/20	Cambridge News	Court challenge to interpretation of council's policies	P8	
09/03/20	Cambridge News	Spark old electrics into life	P9	

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.

Saturday 7 March 2020, *Mail*: [Budget: Fly-tip fighting fund](#)

The Chancellor is to announce a £9 million war on fly-tipping in next week's Budget.

Monday 9 March 2020, *Mail*: [Coronavirus: bin collections](#)

Councils are planning to review their bin collections if they are forced to prioritise services.

Monday 9 March 2020, *BBC Online*: [Business rates affecting high streets](#)

Pressure is growing for changes in business rates to help struggling high streets and fill vacant retail premises.

Tuesday 10 March 2020, *BBC Online*: [Crisis charity warn of affordable housing shortage](#)

A chronic lack of affordable housing is "forcing homeless people on to the streets", the charity Crisis has said.

Tuesday 10 March 2020, *Mail*: [Coronavirus: rubbish collections](#)

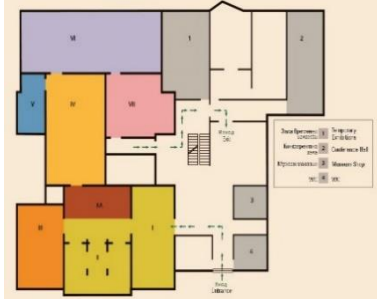
Councils are reviewing their rubbish collections under contingency efforts to manage the potential spread of the coronavirus.

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](#).

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 4 MARCH 2020



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. Review of IDOX Contract

The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance **AGREED** the recommendation of the Grants Advisory Committee with regards to the review of the IDOX contract.

This decision was first published on Friday 6 March and so the deadline for call-in is Friday 13 March at 5pm.

10. Amendment to Discretionary Business Rate Relief Policy

The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance **AGREED** to adopt an updated Discretionary Business Rate Relief Policy.

This decision was first published on Friday 6 March and so the deadline for call-in is Friday 13 March at 5pm.

11. Grants to Mobile Warden Scheme 2020/2021

The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance **AGREED** to award a number of grants to the Mobile Warden Scheme, as recommended by the Grants Advisory Committee.

This decision was first published on Friday 6 March and so the deadline for call-in is Friday 13

March at 5pm.

12. Policy for the allocation of Faith/Community Land at Northstowe

Cabinet

ENDORSED the proposed policy which has been developed in conjunction with the faith groups to which it will be applied.

AGREED the application of this growth sites across the district.

This decision was first published on Friday 6 March and so the deadline for call-in is Friday 13 March at 5pm.

13. Communal Room Review Project -Decision Required Regarding the Future use of The Limes/Limes Close Sheltered Communal Room in Bassingbourn

Cabinet:

Approved the decision to transfer the sheltered community building at The Limes / Limes Close, Bassingbourn to Bassingbourn Parish Council on a long 99-yr full repairing lease with a peppercorn rent for use as a village community hall, with the costs of transfer to be split 50:50 between the district and parish councils, up to a maximum value in total of £18,000 (£9,000 each).

This decision was first published on Friday 6 March and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Friday 13 March.

14. Town Centre Development Northstowe Phases 1&2

Cabinet:

Approved South Cambridgeshire District Council as the project manager of the community-based projects listed in the confidential report;

This decision was first published on Friday 6 March and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Friday 13 March.

15. Community Chest Grants

The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance **AGREED** the recommendation of the Grants Advisory Committee with regards to the award of Community Chest Grants

This decision was first published on Wednesday 11 March and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 18 March at 5pm.

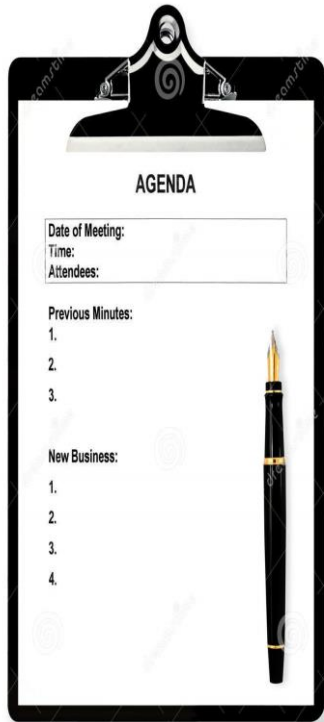
DECISIONS MADE BY OFFICERS AND REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

Please click on the link below to find details of decisions made by officers under delegated authority:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/access-to-information/>

OTHER INFORMATION

16. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



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Decisions

- [Amendment to Discretionary Business Rate Relief Policy](#)
- [Review of IDOX Contract](#)
- [Grants to Mobile Warden Scheme](#)
- [Cabinet 4 March](#)
- [Award of Community Chest Grants](#)

Minutes

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Library Items

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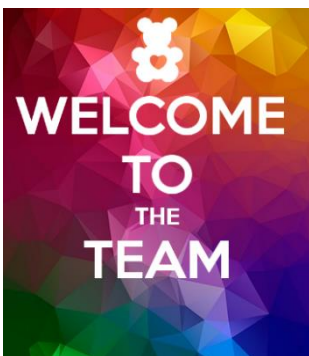
Parish Council Items

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Meetings Added / Postponed / Cancelled

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17. SCDC Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Ian Haywood
Job title: Watercourse Operative
Date started: 09/03/2020



Staff who have moved jobs



Staff who have left