



**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH
2020**

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 19 March to Friday 3 April

| Date | Time | Name | Venue | Contact |
|------------|--------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Thu 19 Mar | | | | |
| Fri 20 Mar | | | | |
| Mon 23 Mar | | | | |
| Tue 24 Mar | 9:30am | Audit & Corporate Governance Committee | Swansley Room | Patrick Adams |
| | 2pm | Climate and Environment Advisory Committee – Postponed to 22 April | | |
| Wed 25 Mar | | | | |
| Thu 26 Mar | | | | |
| Fri 27 Mar | 10am | Grants Advisory Committee | Monkfield Room | Aaron Clarke |
| Mon 30 Mar | | | | |
| Tue 31 Mar | | | | |
| Wed 1 Apr | 9:30am | Cabinet | Council Chamber | Ian Senior |
| Thu 2 Apr | 2pm | Council | Council Chamber | Kathrin John |
| Fri 3 Apr | | | | |

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. NHS Clinical Commissioning Group: Big Conversation

The Big Conversation was launched on 27 September 2019 and ran until 20 December 2019. It was designed to help the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to better understand what matters most to the local community. Details of this are attached.

3. Cambridgeshire ACRE: Community Facilities Study

The ACRE national survey takes place every 10 years. Information regarding this has been posted on their website:

<https://cambscommunitybuildings.wordpress.com/2020/02/10/survey-of-rural-englands-community-buildings-is-launched-this-week/> so, far around 25 community facilities in

Cambridgeshire have completed the national survey and we are sending regular reminders round to the network.

You can download a list of the questions here: <https://acre.org.uk/cms/resources/national-village-and-community-hall-survey-2020.pdf> You will note it is a very in-depth survey, this will enable ACRE to continue to lobby government on behalf of the network, which has proved very successful in previous years.

Once the survey has closed we expect to get a copy of the Cambridgeshire results as well as the national picture but this won't be until later in the year. The survey closes on the 31st March but may be extended especially due to the circumstances and uncertainty we find ourselves in at the moment.

Since 2016 the Cambridgeshire survey has been carried out annually and the results of these surveys can be downloaded here (scroll down to the bottom of the page)
<https://cambcommunitybuildings.wordpress.com/publications/community-building-survey-2017/>

4. **Planned Road Closures for this week - A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme**

Please find attached road closures information for week commencing Monday 16 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](#).

UPCOMING DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Unless notified otherwise, please assume that due to the current situation, all training has been postponed.

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 | | |
|----------|-----------------------|--|-----|--|
| 11/03/20 | Cambridge Independent | More buses instead of busway, but is it just a sticking plaster? | P11 | CA article. Cllr Gavin Clayton quoted |
| 11/03/20 | Cambridge Independent | Viability of Bourn Airfield development 'may be affected' | P11 | CA / GCP article. Cllr Aidan Van de Weyer quoted |
| 11/03/20 | Cambridge Independent | Taking control of how our city is developed | P19 | References Greater Cambridge Local Plan |

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|----------|--------------------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| 12/03/20 | Local Government Lawyer online | District Council hit by fourth judicial review claim from campaign group | Link | |
| 14/03/20 | Cambridge Independent online | More buses proposed instead of Cambourne to Cambridge busway - but is it just a sticking plaster? | Link | CA article. Cllr Gavin Clayton quoted |
| 16/03/20 | Cambridge News online | Cambourne to Cambridge busway changes threaten South Cambs land supply, deputy leader says | Link | |
| 17/03/20 | Accent Housing online | Accent unveils affordable new homes in Cambridge | Link | |
| 17/03/20 | Cambridge News | Major development to take off by airport | P4 | JDCC article on land north of Cherry Hinton |

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 12 March, *BBC Online*: [Budget 2020: Business rates suspended for shops and cafes](#)
Companies with a rateable value of less than £51,000 will not pay any business rates this year, the Chancellor announced in the Budget.

Thursday 12 March, *BBC Online*: [Budget 2020: Affordable housing boost](#)
The Chancellor announced a five-year extension of the Affordable Housing Programme with funding to increase by a third to just over £12 billion.

Friday 13 March, *BBC Online*: [Coronavirus: May elections "should be postponed to autumn"](#)
The Electoral Commission has recommended delaying May's local elections until the autumn to "mitigate" the impact of coronavirus.

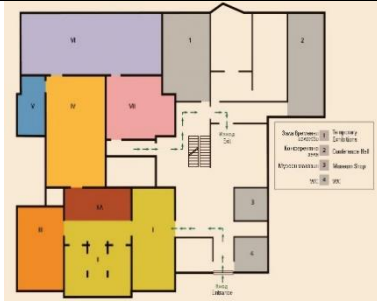
Friday 13 March, *Guardian*: [Flat owners to get right to build upwards without planning permission](#)
Property owners are to be able to install extra storeys on housing blocks without planning permission, under plans announced by Housing Secretary Robert Jenrick.

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 11 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'](#).

8. **Amendment of Head Lease for existing transfer of land at Paddock Row Elsworth**

The Lead Cabinet Member for Housing **AGREED** to approve Clarion's request to grant an overriding lease relating to the properties at Paddock Row, Elsworth.

This decision was first published on Friday 13 March and so the deadline for call-in is 5pm on Friday 20 March.

9. **Council Grants Programme**

The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance **AGREED** the Grants Advisory Committee's recommendation regarding the allocation of £10,000 of uncommitted funds to the Mobile Warden Schemes for 2020/21 and Community Chest Grant 2020/21.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 17 March and so the deadline for call-in is Tuesday 24 March at 5pm.

DECISIONS MADE BY OFFICERS AND REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

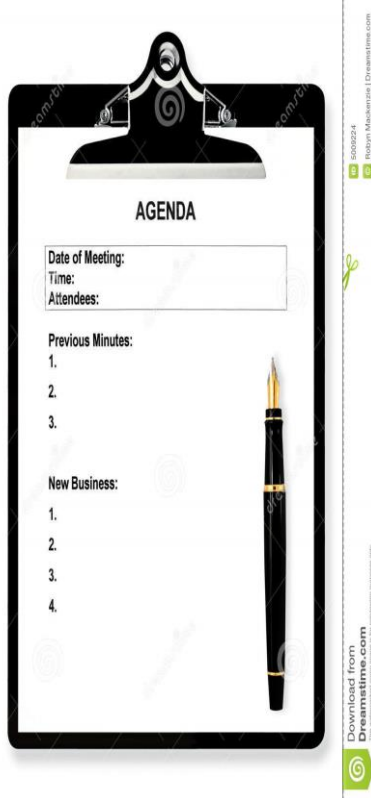
Please click on the link below to find details of decisions made by officers under delegated

authority:

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

OTHER INFORMATION

10. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Audit & Corporate Governance Committee 24 March](#)

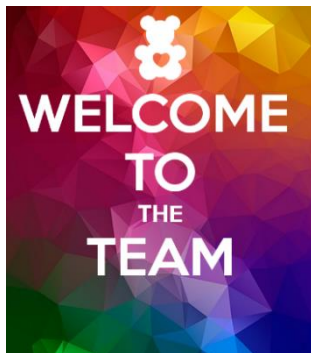
Decisions

- [Amendment of lease for land at Paddock Row, Elsworth](#)
- [Council Grants Programme](#)

Minutes

- [Grants Advisory Committee 28 February](#)
- [Scrutiny & Overview Committee 13 February](#)

11. SCDC Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Caetlin Cartwright-Wilson
Job title: Executive Support Officer (PA)
Date started: 16 March 2020

Name: Adam Drewry
Job title: Commercial Waste Account Manager
Date started: 12 March 2020

Name: Adam Wright
Job title: Refuse Loader
Date started: 11 March 2020



Staff who have left

Name: Christine German
Job title: Customer Insight Officer
Date leaving: 20 March 2020