



**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL 2020**

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 2 April to 17 April 2020

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 2 Apr	2pm	Council - CANCELLED		
Fri 3 Apr				
Mon 6 Apr				
Tue 7 Apr				
Wed 8 Apr	10a m	Planning Committee - CANCELLED		
Thu 9 Apr				
Fri 10 Apr				
Mon 13 Apr				
Tue 14 Apr				
Wed 15 Apr				
Thu 16 Apr				
Fri 17 Apr				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Planned Road Closures for Week Beginning 30 March - A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon

Please find attached details of road closures for the week beginning Monday 30 March relating 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](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

3. 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		
25/03/20	Cambridge Independent	Outbreak brings temporary halt to green bin collections	P16	
25/03/20	Cambridge Independent	Cambourne West moving forward as plans submitted	P19	
26/03/20	Cambridge News online	Cambourne girl's heart-warming thank you note	Link	
26/03/20	Cambus Times online	Combined Authority approves multi-million pound fund for affordable housing, including £100,000 homes project	Link	CA article
27/03/20	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Trevor Nicoll again interviewed on breakfast about green bin suspension	1h 33m into show w TBC	
27/03/20	Cambridge News	Letter: Green bins are becoming a health hazard	P25	
28/03/20	Cambridge News	Collection of green bins is put on hold	P10	
31/03/20	Cambridge News	Letter from Cllr Bill Handley: Why council had to stop green bin collections	P21	

4. 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 26 March: *Mail*: [Coronavirus: Waste services](#)

Municipal rubbish dumps have closed and a growing number of councils have warned residents that some non-essential collection services such as garden and bulky waste might have to be suspended.

Friday 27 March: *Guardian*: [Coronavirus: Universal Credit "almost impossible" to claim as](#)

[500,000 apply](#)

Workers attempting to apply for Universal Credit after being laid off during the coronavirus have described how it is almost impossible to complete a claim.

Sunday 29 March, *Sky News*: [Council workers attacked amid coronavirus pandemic](#)

The LGA has said council workers are facing “sickening physical and verbal assaults” as they implement social distancing measures and keep essential services running during the coronavirus lockdown.

Monday 30 March, *BBC Online*: [Coronavirus: Thousands of council staff moved to the frontline](#)

Tens of thousands of council staff are to be redeployed in “critical” roles to tackle the coronavirus crisis.

Tuesday 31 March, *Telegraph*: [Coronavirus: Bin collections could be reduced](#)

The frequency of bin collections could be reduced due to coronavirus, councils have warned as they try to keep household waste collections going amid staffing shortages.

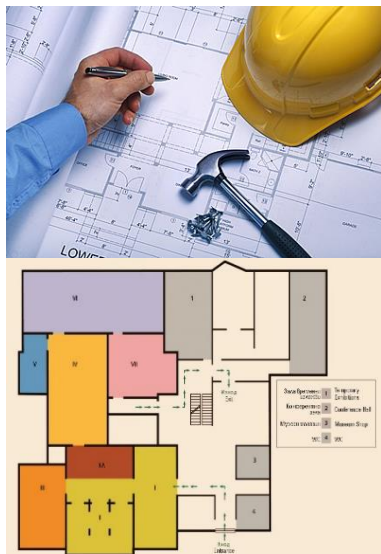
Tuesday 31 March, *Times*: [Air pollution: Toxin-trapping trees can clean up streets](#)

Some species of trees are much better than others at trapping and diluting toxic particles, according to research.

Wednesday 1 April, *Guardian*: [Coronavirus: UK faces cardboard shortage due to crisis](#)

The UK could be hit by a national cardboard shortage as councils suspend their regular collections owing to pressures caused by the coronavirus.

5. 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.



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'](#).

6. **Delegation of Powers from Leader to Chief Executive**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Part 3, Responsibility for Executive Functions, please find attached a decision taken by the Leader to authorise the Chief Executive to exercise all executive functions where it is impracticable or impossible for the matter to be considered by the Cabinet or relevant Lead Cabinet Member.

Please note that this decision is for information only and cannot be called-in.

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/>

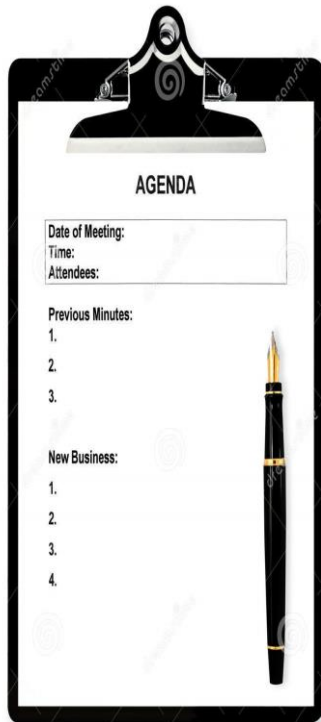
7. **Non Domestic Rates Discretionary Relief Policy - adoption of revised policy to include estate agents, letting agents, employment agencies and betting shops**

The Chief Finance Officer **AGREED** to adopt an updated version of the Discretionary Business Rate Relief Policy due to an instruction from the Government to allow Estate Agents, Employment Agencies, Letting Agents and Betting Shops to be entitled to the Expanded Retail Discount Scheme.

Please note that the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and Chairman of Council agreed to this decision being treated as a matter of urgency and that it should be exempt from call in by virtue of Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12.18 – 12.19. This means that the decision can be implemented immediately.

OTHER INFORMATION

8. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Decisions

- [Amendment to Discretionary Business Rate Relief \(additional agencies\)](#)

Minutes

- [Cabinet 4 March](#)

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Agenda Item 2

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire: major improvements

Construction work on the new A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon scheme is underway. We are currently carrying out a variety of tasks for which we need to close lanes or carriageways on the A1, A14 and some local roads at times, usually overnight between 8pm and 6am, unless otherwise stated. A clearly signed diversion route will always be in place for closures.

For this week, the planned closures are:

Full closures

PLEASE NOTE – ALL CLOSURES (UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE) WILL START AT 8PM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Monday 30 March to Sunday 5 April (seven nights)

- M11 northbound junction 13 to A14 westbound Bar Hill junction 25

Vehicles will be diverted west onto A1303 to continue onto A428 westbound, B1040 northbound at Eltisley, A1198 northbound and either join the A14 at junction 23 for through traffic or continue north to join A1307 for local traffic.

Monday 30 March to Friday 3 April (five nights)

- A1 northbound Brampton Hut exit slip

Vehicles will be diverted north to Alconbury to then use A1 southbound and either continue or exit for access to Brampton Hut roundabout

- A1 northbound Brampton Hut entry slip

Vehicles will be diverted east along A141 and then north at Spittals roundabout to the spur road to re-join the A1 northbound at Alconbury

- A141 eastbound link between New Ellington junction 21 and Brampton Hut roundabout

Vehicles will be diverted east on the A605 at junction 13 then south on the A1(M) to the A605 to re-join the A14 at junction 21

Monday 30 March to Thursday 2 April (four nights)

- Local road between B1050 Hattons Road and Oakington roundabout

Vehicles leaving Cambridge wishing to access Bar Hill and Longstanton will be diverted onto A1303 to continue onto A428 westbound, A1198 northbound to

A1307 and continue east on A14 to Bar Hill junction 25. Oakington and Dry Drayton residents can use A1307 Huntingdon Road and local road.

Vehicles wishing to exit the A14 eastbound for Oakington and Dry Drayton will need to stay on the A14 and exit onto A1307 Huntingdon Road, to return west on the local road, past the Crematorium

- A428 eastbound Madingley to A14 eastbound Fen Ditton junction 34

Motorway traffic will travel south on the M11, east on A505 and north on A11 to re-join the A14. Non motorway traffic will be diverted on local roads through Cambridge.

- M11 junction 14 exit slip

- A14 westbound between Six Mile Bottom junction 36 and Girton junction 31

Motorway traffic will travel south on the A11, west on the A505 and then north on the M11.

Non motorway traffic will be diverted on local roads through Cambridge

Friday 3 8pm to Monday 5 April 6am

- A14 eastbound Godmanchester/A1198 junction 23 to Girton junction 31

Vehicles on the A14 will be diverted south on A1198 at junction 23 and then east on A428 to re-join the A14. Please follow signs on A428 for access to M11.

Vehicles on the A1307 will be diverted south on A1198 at Godmanchester and will pick up the same diversion listed above.

- A1307 Huntingdon Road outbound

Vehicles will be diverted onto Histon Road to Histon junction 32 for access to A14 westbound

- A14 eastbound Milton junction 33 exit slip

Vehicles will be diverted to continue east on A14 to Stow cum Quy junction 35 and return on westbound carriageway

Vehicles will be diverted via the exit slip and re-join the A14 via the entry slip

Saturday 4 (one night) 9pm – 8am

- Brampton Road B1514 between station car park and Edison Bell Way

Vehicles on the Huntingdon town centre side will be diverted onto the ring road, Ermine Street B1044 to Spittals roundabout, A141 west to Brampton / Brampton Racecourse junction and into Brampton via B1514. Vehicles on the Brampton side of the closure will follow this diversion in reverse.

Sunday 5 (one night) TBC

- B1050 Hattons Road between local road and Bar Hill village roundabout

For more information about this scheme, visit <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon-improvement-scheme-home/> , or stay updated by following us on <https://twitter.com/a14c2h> and <https://en-gb.facebook.com/A14C2H/>.

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Agenda Item 6

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL VARIATION OF SCHEME OF EXECUTIVE DELEGATION

To: Chief Executive – Liz Watts
From: Leader of the Council – Bridget Smith

Signed: Cllr Bridget Z D Smith **Dated:** 30 March 2020

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Part 3, Responsibility for Executive Functions I am writing to inform you of the change I wish to make to refine the allocation of functions and responsibilities as set out in Table 2B within the Constitution. The change to take immediate effect upon subsequent written notification to all Members is detailed below.

Delegated authority to be given to: Chief Executive

Delegation:

As far as the law allows and until specified otherwise, to authorise the Chief Executive (or any other Chief Officer or Head of Service in their absence) to exercise all executive functions, or to authorise specified officers to exercise such functions, where it is necessary for any such function to be discharged and it is impracticable or impossible for the matter to be considered by the Cabinet (or by a relevant Lead Cabinet Member to whom the decision making functions have been delegated), in consultation, so far as practicable, with the Leader and relevant Lead Cabinet Member.

Reasons for Delegation	
1.	In the light of the impact of Covid-19 on the Council's usual decision making procedures, to confirm delegation arrangements to enable executive decision making to continue where it is impracticable or impossible for the matter to be considered by the Cabinet or relevant Lead Cabinet Member.
2.	In normal circumstances we would make executive decisions through Cabinet members individually. The law currently requires these meetings to be held in person, which is not practically possible with the government's 'social distancing' policy. Even if the law changes to allow virtual meetings, we are likely to struggle to reach a quorum if a number of members are ill at the same time. The delegation above will confirm our ability to continue to take executive decisions in these extraordinary circumstances. The current quorum for Cabinet also requires either the Leader or Deputy Leader (Statutory) to be present.
Background	
3.	Local authorities are currently facing unprecedented governance issues arising from the Covid-19 emergency. The Government has recently required the majority of the population to stay at home and requires anyone in a high risk group to self-isolate for 12 weeks.

4.	Emergency legislation will allow us to hold virtual meetings, but while these are being established technically, and in the event that a quorum is not possible in a virtual meeting (due to illness), the Council still needs to continue its operations, including its emergency response.
5.	In normal circumstances we would make these decisions through Cabinet collectively or Cabinet members individually. Whilst the Chief Executive already has emergency powers in the Scheme of Delegation, the further delegations proposed will reinforce her ability to operate in these extraordinary circumstances and will reinforce her authority to execute such powers in respect of executive functions as she already holds. They are not intended to remove democratic accountability or transparency, and wherever possible decisions will be made in line with the Council's usual procedures.
6.	Proposed temporary arrangements for decision making during the period of the emergency are outlined in the delegation above. This matter will be kept under review.
7.	The Leader has authority to refine the allocation of functions and responsibilities as she wishes. To effect changes, the Leader is required to provide details of the changes in writing to the Chief Executive and such changes have effect immediately upon subsequent notification to all Members.