



## South Cambridgeshire District Council

**Council Meeting  
Thursday, 24 September 2020**

**Agenda and Reports**

South Cambridgeshire Hall  
Cambourne Business Park  
Cambourne, Cambridge  
CB23 6EA

## **Exclusion Of Press And Public**

The law allows Councils to consider a limited range of issues in private session without members of the Press and public being present. Typically, such issues relate to personal details, financial and business affairs, legal privilege and so on. In every case, the public interest in excluding the Press and Public from the meeting room must outweigh the public interest in having the information disclosed to them. The following statement will be proposed, seconded and voted upon.

"I propose that the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item number(s) ..... in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that, if present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) ..... of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended)."

If exempt (confidential) information has been provided as part of the agenda, the Press and public will not be able to view it. There will be an explanation on the website however as to why the information is exempt.

## South Cambridgeshire District Council

TO: The Chair and Members of the  
South Cambridgeshire District Council

**Notice Is Hereby Given** that the next meeting of the **Council** will be held as a **Virtual meeting - Online** at **2.00 P.M.** on

**Thursday, 24 September 2020**

and I therefore summon you to attend accordingly for the transaction of the business specified below.

**Dated** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020

**Liz Watts**  
Chief Executive

**The Council is committed to improving, for all members of the community, access to its agendas and minutes. We try to take all circumstances into account but, if you have any specific needs, please let us know, and we will do what we can to help you.**

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### Agenda

1. **Apologies**  
To receive Apologies for Absence from Members.
2. **Declaration of Interest**
3. **Register of Interests**  
Members are requested to inform Democratic Services of any changes in their Register of Members' Financial and Other Interests form.
4. **Minutes**  
To authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14 July 2020 as a correct record.  
**(Pages 1 - 20)**
5. **Announcements**  
To receive any announcements from the Chair, Leader, the executive or the head of paid service.
6. **Questions From the Public**  
To answer any questions asked by the public.

The deadline for receipt of public questions is noon on Thursday, 17 September 2020.

The Council's scheme for public speaking at remote meetings may be inspected here:

[Public Questions at Remote Meetings](#)

**6 (a) From Daniel Fulton**

"Does the Leader of the Council agree that public officers should discharge their duties on behalf of the Council in a manner consistent with the rule of law?"

**7. Petitions**

To note all petitions received since the last Council meeting.

**8. To consider the following recommendations:**

**8 (a) 2019/2020 Provisional General Fund Revenue and Capital Outturn (Cabinet 2 September 2020)**

Cabinet recommended to Council:

1. A General Fund Revenue Carry Forward in the sum of £30,000.
2. In relation to the Capital Programme:
  - a. The carry forward of £2.801 million in relation to General Fund capital projects due mainly to slippage.
  - b. Additional funding of £105,000 from earmarked reserves to meet the expected cost of the Lighting renewal programme.

**(Pages 21 - 30)**

**8 (b) Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue and Capital Budget Provisional Outturn 2019/2020 (Cabinet 2 September 2020)**

Cabinet recommended to Council:

- 1) The Housing Revenue Account Revenue Budget Carry Forwards in the sum of £0.020 million, in relation to tenant participation.
- 2) In relation to the Capital Programme:
  - a. The carry forwards to 2020/21 of £1.611 million in relation to HRA Housing improvements due mainly to slippage.
  - b. The bringing forward of £1.530 million from 2020/21 in relation to HRA housebuilding during 2019/20, due to works being ahead of expectations.

**(Pages 31 - 36)**

**9. Annual Pay Award 2020/21**

Council is invited to approve an additional 0.75% to all spinal column points of the pay grade.

(Pages 37 - 42)

**10. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority**

Attached are the reports summarising the work of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority from June-August 2020.

(Pages 43 - 76)

**11. Membership of Cabinet, Committees and Outside Bodies**

Council is invited to consider:

- Appointments of Peter Campbell and Jeff Mambery as Directors of the Council's housing company, Ermine Street Housing Ltd, alongside their roles as Head of Housing and Head of Transformation respectively.
- Appointment of Councillor Pippa Heylings to the outside body - Natural Cambridgeshire.

**12. Urgent Executive Decisions**

To provide an information report on an urgent decision which was exempted from call-in under Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules 13.19 – 13.21.

(Pages 77 - 78)

**13. Questions From Councillors**

A period of 30 minutes will be allowed for this item to include those questions where notice has been provided (as set out in the agenda below) and questions which may be asked without notice.

Members wishing to ask a question without notice should indicate this intention to Democratic Services prior to commencement of the meeting. Members' names will be drawn at random by the Chair until there are no further questions or until the expiration of the time period.

**13 (a) From Cllr Graham Cone**

When will the Council make a decision on which site we will back for the relocation of the Water Treatment Plant?

**13 (b) From Cllr Sue Ellington**

Can the leader outline the source of the IT issue or issues which led to the significant outage experienced during August and the steps which have been taken to mitigate the risk of a similar occurrence impacting council business or services in the future?

**13 (c) From Cllr Mark Howell**

What progress is being made in replacing the vehicles/lorries in the shared waste service with electric alternatives?

**13 (d) From Cllr Heather Williams**

Will the Lead Cabinet Member for planning confirm how many incidents of developers gaining 'Deemed Discharge of condition' there have been in the last 12 months?

**13 (e) From Cllr Nick Wright**

Visit Cambridge and beyond has been forced into liquidation. 40% of its membership were South Cambs businesses. Can the Leader state how this administration will support those businesses in the future?

**13 (f) From Cllr Sarah Cheung Johnson**

Please could we get an update on the grant status for business? Have we had feedback from businesses?

**13 (g) From Cllr Claire Daunton**

Could the Lead Member for Housing please provide an update on the effect of Covid-19, and consequent lockdown, on housing maintenance?

**13 (h) From Cllr Pippa Heylings**

How will the Leader respond to the Government's planning reforms that propose to both scrap S106 obligations and exempt developers from providing affordable housing on sites of 50 houses or less?

**13 (i) From Cllr Geoff Harvey**

Given the view of public health experts is that the likelihood of a second wave of Covid-19 infection has increased significantly over recent weeks, will the Leader explain what measures are in place or can be put in place to both protect the our residents and support our local businesses?

**14. Notices of Motion**

A period of 30 minutes will be allowed for each Motion to be moved, seconded and debated, including dealing with any amendments. At the expiry of the 30 minute period, debate shall cease immediately, the mover of the original Motion, or if the original Motion has been amended, the mover of that amendment now forming part of the substantive motion, will have the right of reply before it is put to the vote.

**14 (a) Standing in the name of Cllr Heather Williams**

Council expresses deep concern that:

- Trades Union Congress (TUC) research revealed nearly half of workers had witnessed bullying at their workplace.  
<https://www.tuc.org.uk/resource/bullying-work>
- Female employees are more likely to be victims of bullying than males.

<https://www.tuc.org.uk/sites/default/files/Bullying%20at%20Work%202019.pdf>

Council notes that:

- 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020 is Anti-Bullying Week, organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance.
- The theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week is 'United against bullying'.
- The Anti-Bullying Alliance's definition of bullying is: "the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online".
- Bullying behaviour can be done by an individual or by a group, and can be physical, verbal, emotional, sexual or online.

Council resolves:

- That bullying in any form, by any group or individual, in any walk of life, is unacceptable.
- To adopt the Anti-Bullying Alliance's definition of bullying.
- That as councillors we should lead by example in our actions and interactions, and will support efforts in our communities to highlight and end bullying. We will further demonstrate this by asking members to sign a pledge that we will refrain from bullying behaviour.
- That once signed these pledges will be displayed on councillors' official Council website profiles to show that we take bullying seriously and are determined to stand up for our communities.
- To launch a review to ensure that for Council colleagues and our residents, there is clear signposting to helplines and support groups- such as Childline, ACAS, Citizens Advice Bureau, Bullying UK, and others.

**14 (b) Standing in the Name of Cllr Richard Williams**

South Cambridgeshire District Council recognises that illegal parking is a serious problem for many communities in our district. This council commits to tackling this problem and will explore the options available to us, as an authority, to assume the responsibility of civil parking enforcement, in common with over 9 in 10 local authority areas in England.

**14 (c) Standing in the Name of Cllr Bunty Waters**

Following residents contacting myself with concerns in relation to fireworks, I researched the topic and found helpful support from the RSPCA on how we as councillors could help. And with this in mind I would like to propose the motion below:

- Once the Council becomes aware that a public firework display is to be held within the local authority boundary, to write to the event holder asking for it to be advertised in advance of the event, in such a way as to allow

- residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people
- To actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks by committing to sharing suitable RSPCA content on social media about the impact on welfare and vulnerable people
- To write to the UK Government urging them to investigate legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private display
- To contact the RSPCA asking for contact details of known local suppliers of fireworks and to thereafter write to any known local supplier to stock 'quieter' fireworks for public display.

**14 (d) Standing in the Name of Cllr Geoff Harvey**

Our recently adopted Zero Carbon Strategy highlights the need for a fundamental change in how we generate and consume energy in all aspects of our lives. Both electricity generation and distribution are undergoing rapid evolution, in both shape and scale. The distribution grid, must now cope with power flows in both directions and South Cambridgeshire is at the limit of renewable generation capacity for that reason. In scale, electrification of heat and transport will require a quadrupling of electricity capacity. Local, community-based energy schemes can make a significant contribution to addressing both issues and encourage a sense of local empowerment to tackle climate change. Community schemes encourage local generation and storage to match local demand thus relieving pressure on the grid. Local schemes would be given new impetus and be able to contribute more renewable energy if local people could buy their electricity directly from local suppliers. But the disproportionate cost of meeting regulatory approvals makes it impossible to be a local energy supplier at a local scale and so, under the current system, this local energy gets sold back to the central grid.

The Local Electricity Bill is a private members' bill with cross-party support that was introduced unopposed in June 2020. If this Bill was passed in Parliament it would give the energy regulator, OFGEM, a duty to create a Right to Local Supply. This would enable local community energy groups to achieve their vision of supplying generated energy back to the local area, help us as a Council to meet our carbon reduction aspirations for the district, and also bring multiple benefits to the local community. It is supported by many stakeholders, local authorities, and town councils (including Cambourne) and currently has the backing of 198 MPs.

This Council

- resolves to support the Bill,
- authorises the Leader to contact our MPs to discuss their support for the Bill and how they can enable its passage into law
- authorises the Chief Executive to write to the Minister of State for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy, supporting the aims of the Bill and asking for these aims to be taken into account in the forthcoming Energy White Paper.



**15. Chair's Engagements**

To note the Chair's engagements since the last Council meeting:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue/Event</b>	<b>Attended by</b>
Sun 13 Septemb er	Institution and Introduction of the new Rector of Girton and Vicar of Madingley	Chair

**16. Exclusion of Press and Public**

The press and public are likely to be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act).

**17. Minutes (exempt)**

A minute containing exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) has been circulated to Members of the Council only. The press and public are likely to be excluded from the meeting during any discussion on the accuracy of the exempt minute.

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