



**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY 2020**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from 9 July to 24 July 2020

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 9 Jul	3pm	Audit & Corporate Governance Committee	Virtual Meeting – Online	Patrick Adams
Fri 10 Jul				
Mon 13 Jul				
Tue 14 Jul	2pm	Council	Virtual Meeting – Online	Kathrin John
Wed 15 Jul				
Thu 16 Jul	5.20 pm	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Virtual Meeting – Online	Victoria Wallace
Fri 17 Jul				
Mon 20 Jul				
Tue 21 Jul				
Wed 22 Jul	10a m	Planning Committee	Virtual meeting – Online	Ian Senior
Thu 23 Jul	10a m	Employment Committee – Moved to 3 August		
Fri 24 Jul				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Planned Road Closures Week Commencing 6 July - A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

The main carriageway closures are mapped along with the diversion routes here:
<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon-improvement-scheme-roadworks/>

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

For all queries in relation to the main scheme Section 1 & 2: Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line, Section 3: East Coast Main Line to Swavesey & Section 4 & 5: Swavesey to Milton, please email: A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk

Section 6: Huntingdon town centre
Samantha Kedia – samantha.kedia@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		
01/07/2020	Cambridge News	Hub provides for those in need and tackles food waste	P12	Zero Carbon Communities fund project
01/07/2020	Cambridge News	Letter: The growing military influence of China	P17	Letter reflecting on Planning Committee decision on Huawei application
01/07/2020	Cambridge Independent	£130m Cambridge South East busway route chosen	P4 & P5	
01/07/2020	Cambridge Independent	As the Lib Dems signal opposition to off-road Cambridge to Cambourne option, is it dead in the water?	P4 & P5	
01/07/2020	Cambridge Independent	Foxton railway station to be site of transport interchange	P5	
01/07/2020	Cambridge Independent	Greenways get the go ahead	P5	
01/07/2020	Cambridge Independent	Fury as residents are urged to leave sheltered housing	P6	
01/07/2020	Cambridge Independent	Long-held aspiration takes off as IWM's hotel plan approved	P16	
01/07/2020	Cambridge Independent	Cllr Bridget Smith column: Taking steps back to normality with the safety of others in mind	P31	
01/07/2020	Cambridge Independent	Huawei's new £1bn R&D site 'will be a major asset to UK' says CEO	P46 & P47	
01/07/2020	EU Reporter online	Huawei wins fight to build £1bn UK chip facility	Link	
02/07/2020	Cambridge Network online	Affordable homes success could pave way for more schemes in other South Cambs villages	Link	
03/07/2020	Cambridge Network online	£100,000 further funding to help shape South Cambridgeshire's Zero Carbon Communities	Link	
05/07/2020	Sunday Telegraph online	Planning committee was 'censored' during debate over £1bn Huawei lab, local councillor claims	Link	
06/07/2020	Cambridge News	Grants encourage green shoots	P8	
06/07/2020	Cambridge News	Busway plan is not compatible with CAM metro, claim	P10	CA / GCP article.
07/07/2020	Haverhill Echo online	Route selected for Cambridge Metro link between new A1307 travel hub and biomedical campus	Link	GCP article
08/07/2020	Cambridge News	Sewage plant set to move	P5	Mentions Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service

08/07/2020	Cambridge Independent	Three possible locations for waste water plant revealed	P4	Mentions Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service
08/07/2020	Cambridge Independent	Your transport woes can help shape projects	P11	GCP article
08/07/2020	Cambridge Independent	£100,000 will help fund green projects	P10	

4. 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.

Friday 3 July 2020: *Mail*: [COVID-19 council funding package announced](#)

The Government has announced a “comprehensive” funding package to try and help councils cope with COVID-19 including an extra £500 million to meet extra cost pressures and a scheme to partly compensate councils for reduced income from fees and charges.

Saturday 4 July, *Sky News Online*: [New five-step for local lockdowns amid fears of second wave](#)

The Government has announced a five-step plan for imposing local lockdowns in the case of coronavirus spikes.

Sunday 5 July, *Observer*: [Countryside “at risk over planning revolution”](#)

The English countryside and its wildlife are at serious risk because of Boris Johnson’s pledge to revolutionise the planning system, leading green groups have warned.

Monday 6 July, *BBC*: [Local government funding](#)

A discussion about local government finances – which includes excerpts of speeches by Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer and Local Government Secretary Robert Jenrick made at the LGA’s annual conference.

Monday 6 July, *Guardian*: [Relaxed UK planning rules could fuel substandard conversions, experts warn](#)

Thousands of tiny, substandard “rabbit-hutch” flats could be created in commercial buildings left empty by the coronavirus economic slowdown under proposed government planning reform, according to a University College London professor.

Monday 6 July, *Telegraph*: [Deadline for £9bn affordable homes scheme in bid to salvage 53,000 new builds](#)

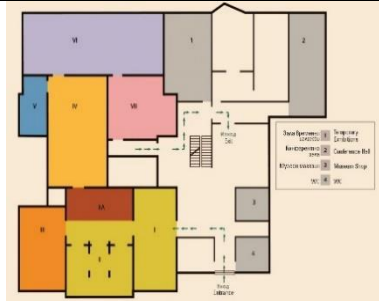
The Government’s £9 billion affordable housing scheme has been extended by a year in a bid to save 53,000 new homes that have stalled as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

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.

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 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'](#).

6. North East Cambridge Area Action Plan

Cabinet:

- (a) Agreed the name of the Area Action Plan (AAP) be formally changed to the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan;
- (b) Agreed the draft North East Cambridge Area Action Plan (Appendix A); the draft North East Cambridge Policies Map (including amended boundary) (Appendix B) and Topic Papers (Appendix C) for a ten-week period of public consultation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and that this consultation will also include the evidence documents (listed in the draft AAP with relevant policy and published on the shared planning service website);
- (c) Agreed the Statement of Consultation (Appendix D) including responses to comments received to the Issues & Options (February 2019);
- (d) Noted the findings of the updated Joint Equalities Impact Assessment, Draft Sustainability

Appraisal, Draft Habitats Regulation Assessment; and Duty to Cooperate Statement (Appendices E, F, G and H respectively);

(e) Delegated authority to the Deputy Leader (Statutory) of South Cambridgeshire District Council and the Cambridge Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces to agree the further Topic Papers as set out at paragraph 4.17 ahead of public consultation.

(f) Delegated authority to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, in liaison with the Deputy Leader (Statutory) of South Cambridgeshire District Council and the Cambridge Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces, to make editorial changes to the Draft NEC AAP consultation report (including graphics) and supporting documents (prior to the commencement of the consultation period) to comprise minor amendments and factual updates and clarifications.

(g) Noted the update on the Fen Road access issues at paragraphs 4.19 and 4.20 in the report. A separate report will be provided on this matter in due course.

Please note that this decision was first published on 1 July and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 8 July at 5pm.

7. Greater Cambridge Local Plan: Issues and Options Feedback and Next Steps

Cabinet:

(a) Noted the report on Initial Feedback from the First Conversation consultation included at Appendix 1;

(b) Agreed additional informal member and stakeholder engagement and Preferred Options stages be added to the Local Plan making process;

(c) Agreed the approach to addressing the Duty to Cooperate included as Appendix 3 to the report, subject to any material changes necessary as a result of consultation with Duty to Cooperate bodies.

Please note that this decision was first published on 1 July and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 8 July at 5pm.

8. Update of Greater Cambridge Local Development Scheme

Cabinet:

(a) **Agreed** to adopt the updated Local Development Scheme for Greater Cambridge included at Appendix 1 of the report, to take effect from 13 July 2020.

(b) **Agreed** to grant delegated authority to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, in liaison with the South Cambridgeshire Lead Cabinet member for Planning and the Cambridge City Council Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces, to make any minor editing changes and corrections identified prior to publication.

Please note that this decision was first published on 1 July and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 8 July at 5pm.

9. Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Cabinet:

(a) **Approved** and **adopted** this Health & Wellbeing Strategy and Action Plan.

Please note that this decision was first published on 1 July and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 8 July at 5pm.

10. Establishment of additional Liaison meetings

Cabinet:

Approved the introduction of 5 new liaison meetings in Barrington, Caldecote, Hardwick, Swavesey and Sawston, bringing the total number of concurrent active liaison meetings to 6.

Please note that this decision was first published on 1 July and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 8 July at 5pm.

11. Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme

Cabinet:

(a) **Approved** the changes to the Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme, as outlined in paragraph 11, which will result in a more focussed scheme providing funding to projects under three themes:

- Cycling
- Community buildings
- Tree-planting and other nature-based solutions

(b) **Delegated** to the Head of Shared Waste Services and Environment the authority to make minor changes to the scheme documents in Appendices A and B (Information for Applicants for applications from questions) as necessary for clarity.

Please note that this decision was first published on 1 July and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 8 July at 5pm.

12. Resident Involvement Strategy

Cabinet:

Approved the Draft Resident Involvement Strategy 2020-2023 (Appendix 1) to go out to wider tenant consultation. Cabinet also **agreed** to delegate authority to the Lead Member for Housing to approve the final Strategy subject to any minor amendments arising from this consultation, from any new guidance issued by the Regulator for Social Housing or from guidance issued by Government if/when the issues within the Green Paper become law.

Please note that this decision was first published on 1 July and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 8 July at 5pm.

13. New Build Housing Strategy 2020-2025

Cabinet:

Approved the New Build Council Housing Strategy, and **recommended** that it proceed to full Council for adoption.

Please note that recommendations to Council are not subject to call in.

Please note that this decision was first published on 1 July and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 8 July at 5pm.

14. Quarter 4 Performance Report

Cabinet:

Reviewed and **noted** the Operational Key Performance Indicator (OKPI) results and comments in the report at Appendix A.

Please note that this decision was first published on 1 July and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 8 July at 5pm.

15. Review of barriers to procurement from SMEs

Cabinet:

Reviewed and **noted** the actions that have been undertaken over the past 12 months to reduce the barriers to council procurement for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) prior to the report going to Scrutiny and Overview Committee.

Please note that this decision was first published on 1 July and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 8 July at 5pm.

16. Potential property acquisition

Approved the investment detailed in the exempt report of the Head of Finance as a single-let commercial investment in accordance with the approved Investment Strategy.

Please note that this decision was first published on 1 July and so the deadline for call-in is Wednesday 8 July at 5pm.

17. Potential property investment

Cabinet:

Approved the investment detailed in the exempt report of the Head of Finance as a multi-let commercial investment in accordance with the approved Investment Strategy.

Please note that this decision has been Called-in. It will be held in abeyance and not be implemented until the Scrutiny and Overview Committee has considered this matter.

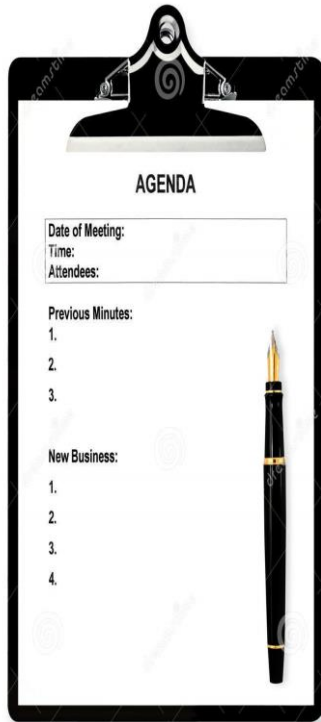
DECISIONS MADE BY OFFICERS AND REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

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

18. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



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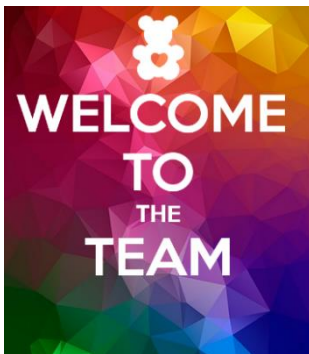
Plans

- [Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

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- [NDR Discretionary Rates Relief Policy](#)
- [Proposed Fees & Charges](#)
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- [Treasury Management Strategy](#)

19. SCDC Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Frits Rinkel
Job title: Refuse Driver
Date started: 29 June 2020

Name: Bruno Ferreira
Job title: Refuse Loader
Date started: 29 June 2020

Name: Anthony Tomlinson
Job title: Refuse Driver
Date started: 29 June 2020