



**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 2020**

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 23 July to Friday 7 August 2020

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 23 Jul				
Fri 24 Jul				
Mon 27 Jul				
Tue 28 Jul	9:30am	Audit & Corporate Governance Committee - CANCELLED		
Wed 29 Jul				
Thu 30 Jul				
Fri 31 Jul	10am	Grants Advisory Committee	Virtual Meeting - Online	Aaron Clarke
Mon 3 Aug	2pm	Employment and Staffing Committee	Virtual Meeting – Online	Patrick Adams
Tue 4 Aug				
Wed 5 Aug				
Thu 6 Aug				
Fri 7 Aug				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. Road Closures for Week Commencing 20 July due to A14 Improvements

Please find attached road closures information for w/c 20 July, in relation to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

***Please note, an additional closure for tonight (Friday) listed below:
9pm – 6am***

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

To contact your A14 sections stakeholder manager, please use the email addresses below or our 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 our [website](#).

3. Work begins next month to upgrade our streetlights to low-energy LEDs

Works to upgrade all South Cambridgeshire District Council standard streetlights to low-energy LEDs will begin in August and be completed by March 2021. The upgrade will benefit communities and the environment by reducing the energy used by our streetlights by 60%, improving the quality of the lighting and reducing light pollution.

Further details on the upgrade, including a current timetable for works can be found on [here](#) on our website.

Contact: helen.taylor@scamb.gov.uk

GENERAL INFORMATION

4. 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		
15/07/2020	Cambridge Network online	Cabinet changes as Council prioritises community and business recovery	Link	
15/07/2020	Cambridge Independent	Will Tory unity end mayor and GCP deadlock?	P7	CA / GCP article
15/07/2020	Cambridge Independent	Virus impact on Councils 'is £100m'	P14	
15/07/2020	Cambridge Independent	Tip-off leads to a fly-tipping fine	P22	
15/07/2020	Cambridge Independent	Appeal to keep caring and not litter	P22	
15/07/2020	Cambridge Independent	Solar farm idea south of village	P23	Planning application submitted
15/07/2020	Cambridge 105 radio	Podcast: Is Cambridgeshire a green county?	27 mins into show	
15/07/2020	Cambridge News online	Controversy as South Cambs Council passes motion to tackle racial inequality	Link	
16/07/2020	Cambridge News	Pandemic leaves a £100m hole in county finances	P12 & P13	
16/07/2020	Cambridge News online	Cottenham roadworks: Relief as 'distressing' plans for six-week road closure put on hold	Link	Cllr Eileen Wilson quoted
16/07/2020	Cambridge News	Council commits to racism fight	P10	
17/07/2020	Cambridge News online	Stagecoach office move in Cambridge thrown into doubt by pandemic	Link	JDCC decision referenced
17/07/2020	Cambridge News online	South Cambridgeshire District Council faced 'real possibility' of running out	Link	

		of money in May		
17/07/2020	Cambridge News online	Ex South Cambs councillor claims 'bullying tactics' led to resignation	Link	
18/07/2020	Cambridge News	Council faced 'real possibility' of running out of cash	P3	
18/07/2020	Cambs Times online	Mayor James Palmer blames Government criticism of him on "civil servants constantly questioning our processes rather than our results"	Link	Reference to all members of Combined Authority being copied in to letter from MHCLG
20/07/2020	Cambridge News	District almost ran out of cash at height of pandemic	P3	
20/07/2020	Cambridge News	Council chief silent on Hart's claims of 'bullying tactics'	P4	
20/07/2020	Cambridge News	Distressing road closure put on hold	P11	
20/07/2020	Cambridge Independent online	Fire at former Hauxton mill site treated as arson	Link	Reference to planning permission process at SCDC
21/07/2020	Cambridge News	£500k in grants for sports centres, pubs and small businesses	P7	
21/07/2020	Cambridge Network	Council supports South Cambs sports venues and independent pubs in post-lockdown recovery	Link	

5. 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 16 July, *Telegraph*, [Planning reforms "will ride roughshod over local areas"](#)

An LGA letter – signed by 15 other organisations – including the Town and Country Planning Association and the Institute of Historic Building Conservation – have urged the Government to keep planning in England local to ensure people have a say over development in their communities.

Thursday 16 July, *FT*, [Council mergers will be price for elected mayors, minister says](#)

Local Government Minister Simon Clarke said that any area that wanted an elected mayor and a devolution deal would have to form streamlined unitary authorities.

Friday 17 July, *BBC Radio 4 You and Yours*: [Fly-tipping](#)

LGA Environmental spokesperson Cllr David Renard was interviewed on BBC Radio 4's You and Yours today about fly-tipping and the use of fixed penalty notices to tackle the problem.

Saturday 18 July, *Sky News Online*: [Councils to get new shutdown powers](#)

Councils in England will get new powers from today to shut pubs, cafes, shops and restaurants, as well as close public places and cancel events, in areas hit by coronavirus outbreaks.

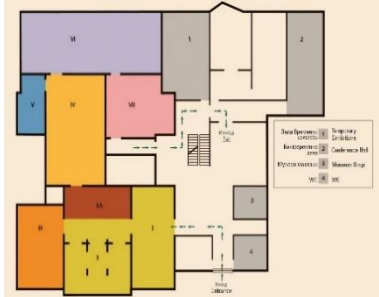
Sunday 19 July, *Sunday Telegraph*: ["Cycling revolution" routes challenged](#)

Councils have been using £250 million in emergency government funding to promote walking and cycling to relieve pressure on public transport during the coronavirus

Wednesday 22 July, *BBC Online*: [Home owners in England permitted to add two extra floors](#)

Home owners will soon be allowed to add an extra two floors to their houses without requiring full planning permission, and developers will be able to demolish unused commercial premises and build residential units.

6. 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 15 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'](#).

7. Provision of 36 Affordable Dwellings at Bennell Farm, Toft

The Lead Cabinet Member for Housing **AGREED** to make amendments to the Land Transfer

Deed, as legally required.

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

8. Approval of five Topics Papers as supporting evidence for Draft North East Cambridge Area Action Plan which is due to go out to consultation between 27 July 2020 and 5 October 2020

The Deputy Leader of Council **AGREED** the five Topic Papers appended to this decision in support of the draft North East Cambridge Area Action Plan.

This decision was first published on 16 July and so the deadline for call-in is 23 July at 5pm.

9. Consultation response to the Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro (CAM) Sub Strategy

The Leader of Council **AGREED** to confirm that the letter and detailed response set out in Appendix 1 of this decision should be made to the Combined Authority on the CAM Sub Strategy.

This decision was first published on 17 July and so the deadline for call-in is 24 July 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/>

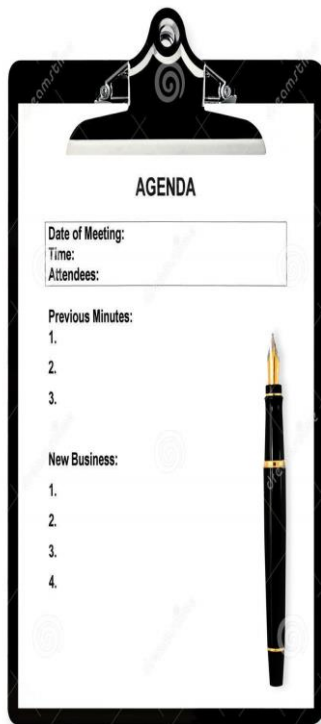
10. Local Authority Discretionary Grant Funding for Small Businesses Policy

The Chief Executive

1. Approved the updated Local Authority Discretionary Grant Funding for Small Businesses Policy.
2. Endorsed previous operational decisions of the Chief Finance Officer to award grants in accordance with Government guidance.
3. Authorised the Chief Finance Officer to approve future individual discretionary grants for small businesses up to £10,000.

OTHER INFORMATION

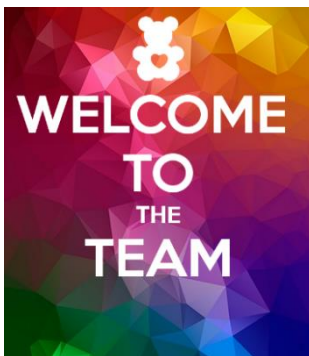
11. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Decisions

- [Council 14 July](#)
- [Approval of supporting evidence for Draft North East Cambridge Area Action Plan](#)
- [Provision of 36 Affordable Dwellings at Bennell Farm, Toft](#)
- [Consultation response to Cambridge Autonomous Metro \(CAM\) Sub Strategy](#)
- [Local Authority Discretionary Grant Funding for Small Businesses Policy](#)

12. SCDC Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Kate Poyser
Job title: Principal Planning
Date started: 29 June 2020

Name: James Truett
Job title: Planner
Date started: 6 July 2020

Name: Luke Waddington
Job title: Senior Planner
Date started: 7 July 2020



Staff who have left

Name: Elaine Butterworth
Job title: Compliance Surveyor
Date leaving: 31 July 2020

Name: Phoebe Hyde
Job title: Customer Contact Advisor
Date leaving: 15 July 2020

Name: Samantha Menezes
Job title: Housing Apprentice
Date left: 8 July 2020

Name: Sally Miller
Job title: Neighbourhood Services Officer
Date left: 17 July 2020