



Councillors' Bulletin Wednesday, 10 March 2021

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 11 March to 26 March 2021

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 11 Mar	-	-	-	-
Fri 12 Mar	-	-	-	-
Mon 15 Mar	2 pm	Employment & Staffing Committee	Online	Patrick Adams
Tue 16 Mar	-	-	-	-
Wed 17 Mar	-	-	-	-
Thu 18 Mar	5:20 pm	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Online	Victoria Wallace
Fri 19 Mar	-	-	-	-
Mon 22 Mar	10 am	Cabinet	Online	Ian Senior
Tue 23 Mar	9:30 am	Audit & Corporate Governance Committee	Online	Patrick Adams
Wed 24 Mar	-	-	-	-
Thu 25 Mar	10 am	Civic Affairs Committee	Online	Patrick Adams
Fri 26 Mar	10 am	Grants Advisory Committee	Online	Aaron Clarke

Information for District Councillors and Parish Councils

2. Innovate & Cultivate Fund - Applications Welcomed

Cambridgeshire County Council is pleased to announce that the next deadline for Innovate & Cultivate Fund applications is 1st May 2021. One-to-one pre-application advice will be offered on 18th and 23rd March (details below).

The aim of the fund is to support initiatives that strengthen our communities and reduce pressure on County Council services, thereby giving a return on investment. Council services that are inviting applications are adult social care and children's services.

The fund is open to voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations based in and outside of Cambridgeshire, and public sector organisations in Cambridgeshire. Please note that projects serving Peterborough residents are not eligible.

The 1st May funding round is for 'Cultivate' grant applications (£2,000-£15,000) for projects that build community support networks for vulnerable people. The 'Innovate' funding stream (£15,000-£50,000) is suspended until further notice.

Pre-application advice

We strongly advise organisations to seek pre-application advice on their project ideas before submitting an application. Bookings are now open for telephone advice appointments on

Thursday 18 March and Tuesday 23 March. These 15 minute 1-1 appointments must be pre-booked and are available on a first come first served basis. Please [book here](#).

Cultivate Project Ideas

Do you want to do something for your community but need some inspiration to start a project? We've developed application guidance for 3 new Cultivate project ideas - **Mobile Warden Schemes, Community Youth Worker and Digital Inclusion Projects** – that can help people to remain independent and active within their community, encourage volunteering and complement more costly Council services. We also continue to invite applications for **Timebanks, Good Neighbour Schemes, Dementia-Friendly Communities and Men's Sheds**. You can find guidance on how to apply for a start-up grant for each of these projects [here](#).

Applications and further information about fund priorities and criteria may be found on the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF) [website](#).

3. Road Closures Relating to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvements

Please find attached road closures information for week commencing 8 March in relation to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

For all queries relating to the scheme, please email:
A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk

Further updates on scheme progress can be found on the [website](#).

4. A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Improvements - Note from Highways England

I am contacting you regarding a members briefing on the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements scheme.

We'd like to invite South Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire District Council members to a briefing on the scheme on 24 March from 16.00 to 18.30. Can you please advise if this date clashes with any major council meetings and if not could you please forward this email on to the Members you think would be interested in attending.

If they would like to attend please email info@a428.co.uk to confirm their attendance and they will be sent a calendar invite. For anyone who cannot attend we will record the briefing so it can be watched back at any time.

Our plans are to upgrade the route between the Black Cat roundabout and Caxton Gibbet roundabout with a new 10-mile dual carriageway and a number of junction improvements. The scheme will improve journeys between Milton Keynes and Cambridge, bringing communities together and supporting long term growth in the region. You can find out more information about the scheme on our [website](#).

In the briefing we will aim to cover the following agenda:

- **Agenda:**
 - Introductions
 - Safety Moment
 - Scheme walk through
 - Traffic
 - Environmental Mitigation
 - Q&A

If members have any questions in the meantime they are welcome to contact us at info@a428.co.uk.

5. Supporting local businesses: please share our survey

A reminder about our current COVID-19 surveys for residents and business owners.

You may remember that last summer we sent out surveys to find out how residents and businesses felt with regards to COVID-19. These surveys were very useful in helping us plan an approach to support businesses and residents and we now have an updated version, which will help us to compare how attitudes have changed and identify how best to support South Cambridgeshire's local businesses as they continue to navigate this challenging time and prepare for reopening in line with the Government's "roadmap".

Both surveys (for residents and business owners) can be found on our webpage for: [South Cambridgeshire COVID-19 surveys \(www.scambs.gov.uk/COVIDsurveys\)](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/COVIDsurveys).

Your help in sharing these surveys on your own parish and local social media platforms would be much appreciated.

For more information, please contact: reopening@scambs.gov.uk

General Information

6. 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		
03/03/21	Cambridge Independent	Judicial review threatened over homes decision	P5	-
03/03/21	Cambridge Independent	Charity puts forward an alternative to C2C busway	P10	GCP article
03/03/21	Cambridge Independent	Government may decide on city's new Park & Ride site	P10	GCP article
03/03/21	Cambridge Independent	New forum for the city's north-east	P19	-
03/03/21	Cambridge Independent	South Cambridgeshire increases tax bill by maximum 3.4%	P21	-
03/03/21	Cambridge Independent	Cllr Bridget Smith column: Arc can create a dynamic economy away from London's dominance	P26 & P27	-
03/03/21	Cambridge Network online	Stonebond partners with Urban&Civic to deliver first homes at Waterbeach Barracks near Cambridge	-	-
03/03/21	Business	Cambridge at crossroads	-	-

	Weekly online	despite major KI status in Europe		
05/03/21	Cambridge News	War of words over 'unsustainable' borrowing figure	P14	-
05/03/21	Cambridgeshire Live online	Opposition criticise South Cambs council borrowing figures	-	-
06/03/21	BBC News online	Cambridge City FC stadium in Sawston 'could be open in 2022'	-	-
07/03/21	BBC Sunday Politics East	Cllr Bridget Smith on panel of guests taking part in programme	-	-
08/03/21	In Your Area online	Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire planning applications for week ending March 8	-	-
09/03/21	In Your Area online	Greater Cambridge Partnership proposes green transport solutions for post-Covid recovery	-	GCP article

7. 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 5 March: Guardian: [UK failing in net zero commitment](#)

Government policy is falling short of the plan for the UK to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions, despite green rhetoric.

Friday 5 March, The Telegraph: [Council tax rises](#)

The Office for Budget Responsibility has said councils will increase taxes by £1.8 billion next month after the Government allowed them to increase council tax by up to 5 per cent to cover social care costs.

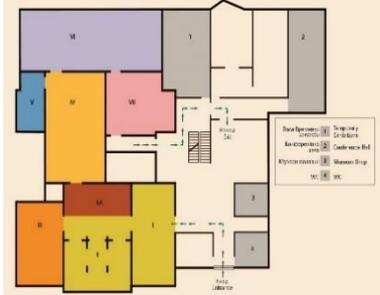
Saturday 6 March, Times: [Town centres and high streets will have to evolve](#)

In an interview discussing the pandemic response and the Budget, Business Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng also debates the future of high streets.

Tuesday 9 March, Guardian: [Warning over photo ID law changes from UK-wide and English elections](#)

Changing the law to force people to show photo ID to take part in UK elections could negatively impact ethnic minority communities.

8. 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 3 March 2021



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'](#).

9. Eastern Community Homes Funding

The Lead Cabinet Member for Housing agreed to approve £3,000 funding from the monies received from the Government's Community Housing Fund to support Eastern Communities Homes for the period 1 April 2021 until 31 March 2023.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 9 March and so the deadline for call-in is Tuesday

16 March at 5pm.

10. Greater Cambridge Brownfield Register 2020

The Lead Cabinet Member for Planning agreed:

- The Greater Cambridge Brownfield Register – spreadsheet (see Appendix 1) and accompanying spatial data – to be published on the Council's websites.
- A parallel decision is being considered by Cambridge City Council and delegated authority is given to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development to agree any minor editing, or amendments to the response agreed by the City Council, that are consistent with the overall approach as set out in Appendix 1.

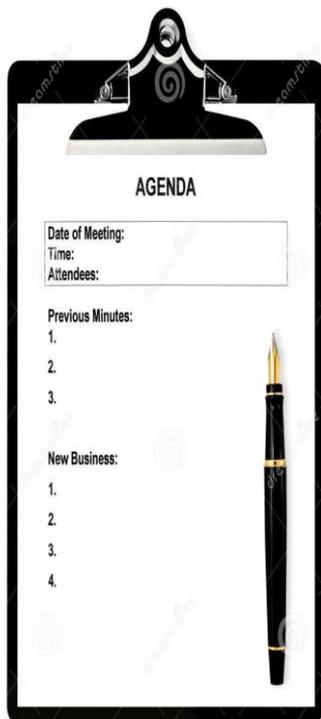
This decision was first published on Tuesday 9 March and so the deadline for call-in is Tuesday 16 March at 5pm.

Decisions Made By Officers and Reported For Information

Please click on the link to find details of decisions made by [officers under delegated authority](#).

Other Information

11. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

[Employment and Staffing Committee 15 March](#)

Decisions

[Greater Cambridge Brownfield Register 2020](#)

[Eastern Community Homes Funding](#)

Minutes

[Cabinet 3 February](#)

Plans

[Notice of Key Decisions](#)

Issues

[Cambridge resignalling, relock and recontrol consultation response](#)

[Liaison Meeting Update](#)

[Waterbeach New Town Naming](#)

[Home-Ling Allocations Policy](#)

[Longstanton Conservation Area](#)

12. **The Council's Starters and Leavers**



Staff who have left/will be leaving

Name: Sophia Dudding
Job title: Planning Officer
Date leaving: 21 March 2021

Name: Maryam Mirza
Job title: Policy and Performance Officer
Date leaving: 18 March 2021

Name: Tristram Monk
Job title: Intelligence Officer
Date left: 3 March 2021