



**Councillors' Bulletin
Wednesday, 8 December
2021**

Contents



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 9 December to Friday 24 December 2021

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 9 Dec	-	-	-	-
Fri 10 Dec	-	-	-	-
Mon 13 Dec	-	-	-	-
Tue 14 Dec	-	-	-	-
Wed 15 Dec	2:30 pm	Licensing (2003 Act) Sub-Committee	Council Chamber	Aaron Clarke
Thu 16 Dec	5:20 pm	Scrutiny and Overview Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Fri 17 Dec	2 pm	Grants Advisory Committee	Council Chamber	Aaron Clarke
Mon 20 Dec	-	-	-	-
Tue 21 Dec	-	-	-	-
Wed 22 Dec	-	-	-	-
Thu 23 Dec	-	-	-	-
Fri 24 Dec	-	-	-	-

Information for District Councillors and Parish Councils

2. Road Closures relating to A14 Improvement Scheme

Please find attached road closures information for week commencing 6 December 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 their [website](#).

3. Community Chest Grant Changes

Community Chest Grants - increase of maximum award

The upper limit for all Community Chest Grant (CCG) awards has been increased from £1,000 to £2,000 per application. Increasing the upper CCG grant limit will allow community groups and, where eligible, parish councils to request a larger contribution to their projects. The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance agreed the change on Friday 26 November following a review by the Grants Advisory Committee. The change reflects the rising cost of materials which has meant most CCG applications have been for the maximum award.

Inclusion of Biodiversity Grants

Wildlife Enhancement Grants, formerly delivered through the Planning Service, will now be included within the Community Chest Grant (CCG) application process. These grants support

biodiversity projects through a ringfenced fund. Parish Councils will be eligible to apply for this funding, provided that they are not already in receipt of a grant from the Council's Zero Carbon Communities (ZCC) fund for the same financial year. Applications will be processed as part of the established CCG process and recommendations will be considered at Grants Advisory Committee (GAC) on a monthly basis. It is possible that some projects will include elements of the core CCG scheme and ringfenced biodiversity fund. By bringing the formerly separate schemes together GAC will be able to make recommendations to the Lead Cabinet Member for an appropriate award at the same time. This will enable us to support a diverse range of projects via the CCG scheme. £10,000 is ringfenced for these types of projects.

Funding for Community-Led Plans

The Council is also putting £50,000 into a rolling fund for two years for grants for villages who want to develop a community-led plan, with the money to be earmarked for the initial development costs - such as printing, the delivery of surveys and costs involved in holding public meetings - rather than delivering the project. Applications for this funding will also be included within the Community Chest Grant (CCG) application process

4. M11 Roadworks - Alsa Wood Footbridge

What follows is a message from National Highways:

“Due to unforeseen circumstances, our work to the M11 Alsa Wood Footbridge will be carried out later than originally planned. Our work will involve waterproofing and resurfacing to the Alsa Wood Footbridge, located over the M11 to the west of Elsenham. Once finished, pedestrians and ramblers will benefit from a safer and smoother walking surface across the bridge.

“We now plan to complete this work over **2 weeks** from **Monday 6 December to Friday 17 December**, working on **weekdays only** between **8am and 6pm**, weather conditions permitting.

Closures and diversions

“For this work to be carried out safely, there will be a full closure on the M11 between junctions 8 and 10 northbound on Monday 6 December overnight from 11pm to 5am to install narrow lanes directly under the footbridge on the northbound carriageway.

“Northbound traffic will be diverted off the M11 at junction 8 onto the A120, A10 and the A505 before re-joining M11 at junction 10.

“The footpath leading to the bridge on either side will be closed 24/7 for the duration of this work. Pedestrians will be diverted to cross the M11 via the B1051 over bridge.

“Diversion maps for both drivers and pedestrians is attached.

How to find out more

“To find out more about road improvements we're carrying out across the East of England, please visit our website at <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-work/east/>.

If you would like more information, please contact us on 0300 123 5000, or by email at info@highwaysengland.co.uk.”

5. Greater Cambridge Partnership Northern Community Forum Meeting

On 14 December the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) will be hosting a community forum to update residents and stakeholders on projects in the North of Cambridge.

The forum will start at 6pm on Tuesday 14 December and run until 8 pm.
Projects that will be discussed include Waterbeach to Cambridge, Histon Road, Milton Road and The Greenways. We will also have an update from the project managers leading the current 'Making Connections' consultation.

To attend this event, please register here -
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eDQ1GoKmSZKFB07pAdlw1w

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		
01/12/2021	Cambridge Network online	From exotic wildlife to organic vegetables - 'Small Business Saturday' will celebrate South Cambridgeshire businesses	Link	-
01/12/2021	Cambridge Independent	Park 'will not cope' with extra residents from new district	P14	-
01/12/2021	Cambridge Independent	Festive market set to take over high street with 100 stalls	P21	-
01/12/2021	Cambridge Independent	Column from Cllr Bridget Smith: Your insight is vital to shaping out future	P28 & P29	-
01/12/2021	Cambridge Independent	Letter: Local plan ahead of water plan - cart before horse?	P28	References Greater Cambridge Local Plan
01/12/2021	Cambridge Independent	Letter: Need joined-up ideas for Coton Corridor	P28	References Greater Cambridge Local Plan
01/12/2021	Cambridge Independent	Letter: Environmental data must be shared	P28	-
01/12/2021	Cambridge Independent	Column from Carbon Neutral Cambridge: Use our precious land for homes, not for parking	P29	References Greater Cambridge Local Plan
02/12/2021	Cambridge Network online	Submissions open for the 2022 Greater Cambridge Design and Construction Awards	Link	-
02/12/2021	Cambridge Independent online	Cambourne festive market set to take over high street with 100 stalls	Link	-
02/12/2021	HI Hub online	Residents urged to have their say on land use proposals in Histon & Impington	Link	-
03/12/2021	Wiltshire Times online	Shopper takes on Aldi over suspected food poisoning	Link	SCDC Environmental Health advice role referenced
03/12/2021	Cambridge Independent online	Milton Country Park 'will not cope' with extra residents from new North East Cambridge district	Link	-
03/12/2021	Cambridge	Cast your vote for city's best new	P6	-

	News	buildings		
05/12/2021	Cambridge Independent online	Cambourne Christmas Market cancelled after wind destroys gazebos and ground becomes too slippery	Link	-
07/12/2021	In Your Area online	Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire planning applications for week ending December 06	Link	-
08/12/2021	Cambridge Independent	I saw fire engulf my home - but I'm so touched by support'	P3	-
08/12/2021	Cambridge Independent	Wind and mud force market to be called off	P16	-
08/12/2021	Cambridge Independent	Architects draft vision for major new green space	P20	Greater Cambridge Local Plan referenced
08/12/2021	Cambridge Independent	Letter: Make voices heard to shape Local Plan	P26	Greater Cambridge Local Plan referenced
08/12/2021	Cambridge Independent	Letter: Event offered little to inform decisions	P26	Greater Cambridge Local Plan referenced

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.

Thursday 2 December, Independent: [Biodegradable plastic claims may be untrue](#)

According to an open letter from Greenpeace and various trade associations “oxo degradable” plastic, which is sometimes used as shopping bags and plastic bottles, can be easily disposed of and compostable may be untrue.

Friday 3 December, BBC News: [Inadequate fraud checks for Government Bounce Back Loans](#)

A report by the National Audit Office has found that the Government failed to put adequate measures in place to prevent fraud in its Bounce Back Loan scheme for businesses.

Saturday 4 December, Times: [American-style governors could level up England](#)

Swathes of rural England could elect powerful American-style governors under Michael Gove’s plans to “level up” the country.

Saturday 4 December, Guardian: [Woodland walks save UK £185m a year in mental health costs, report finds](#)

Walks taken by people in UK woodlands save £185 million a year in mental health costs according to a report by Forest Research.

Sunday 5 December, Observer: [“Councils have been short-changed. We need more Government money”](#)

Hundreds of councils are wondering how to reconcile the Chancellor’s message that austerity is over with shortfalls across the public sector which run into billions of pounds.

Monday 6 December, BBC Online: [Levelling-up report likely to be delayed to 2022](#)

It has been confirmed that the Government’s white paper on “levelling up” all regions of the UK

is likely to be delayed until next year.

Tuesday 7 December, Times: [Supply of chargers lags behind electric car sales](#)

The increase in sales of electric cars could be overshadowed by a lack of public charging points as figures show that only one point is installed for every 52 cars sold.

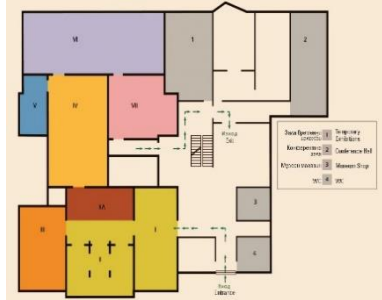
Wednesday 8 December, FT: [LEPs to be “scrapped” as part of levelling up plans](#)

It is reported that the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities will scrap Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP) as part of its now-delayed Levelling Up White Paper.

Wednesday 8 December, Guardian: [Ash dieback warning](#)

At least 30,000 ash trees are due to be felled by the National Trust this year due to ash dieback.

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 1 December 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. Empty Homes Strategy

Cabinet:

- a) **Approved** the Draft Empty Homes Strategy 2021 -2025, as set out at Appendix A, to go out to wider public consultation
- b) **Delegated** authority to the Lead Member for Housing to approve the final Strategy subject to minor amendments, if any, arising from the consultation.

10. Fees and Charges

Cabinet:

- a) **Approved** the fees and charges as detailed in Appendix A of the report to take effect from 1 April 2022 (unless otherwise stated) or the earliest feasible date thereafter.
- b) **Noted** the proposed variations to fees and charges in comparison to the prevailing inflation rate detailed in the report.

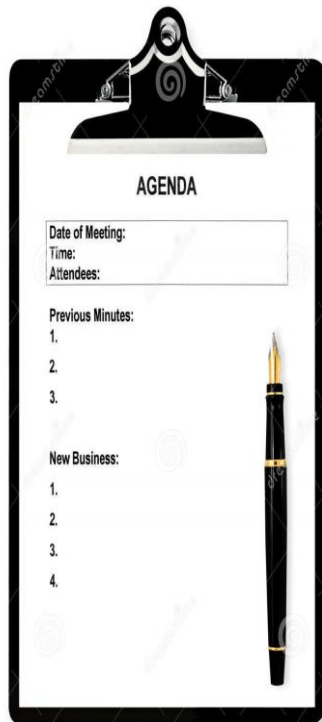
This decision was first published on 6 December and so the deadline for call-in is 5 pm on Monday 13 December.

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



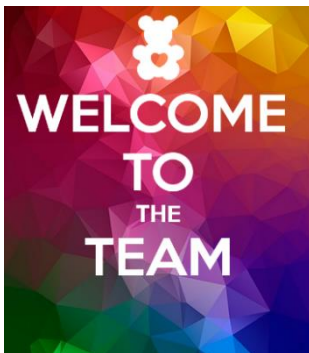
Agendas

[Licensing \(2003 Act\) Sub-Committee 15 December](#)
[Scrutiny & Overview Committee 16 December](#)

Decisions

[Cabinet 6 December](#)
[Rural Settlements List 2022-23](#)

12. The Council's Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Kathryn Beck
Job title: Northstowe Community Development Officer
Date started: 4 January 2022

Name: Louis Derby
Job title: Communications Apprentice
Date started: 8 December 2021

Name: Carole Freeland
Job title: Temp Finance
Date started: 2 December 2021

Name: Tristram Monk
Job title: Temp Finance
Date started: 9 December 2021



Staff who have left/ are leaving

Name: Sheila Teague

Date leaving: 24 December 2021