



**Councillors' Bulletin  
Wednesday, 9 February  
2022**

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South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 10 February to Friday 24 February 2022**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 10 Feb	-	-	-	-
Fri 11 Feb	-	-	-	-
Mon 14 Feb	-	-	-	-
Tue 15 Feb	10 am	<a href="#">Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Aaron Clarke</a>
Tue 15 Feb	2 pm	<a href="#">Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Aaron Clarke</a>
Wed 16 Feb	-	-	-	-
Thu 17 Feb	-	-	-	-
Fri 18 Feb	-	-	-	-
Mon 21 Feb	-	-	-	-
Tue 22 Feb	2 pm	<a href="#">Council</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Rebecca Dobson</a>
Wed 23 Feb	2 pm	<a href="#">Licensing Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Aaron Clarke</a>
Thu 24 Feb	8:30 am	<a href="#">Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee – Provisional</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Aaron Clarke</a>
Thu 24 Feb	11 am	<a href="#">Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee – Provisional</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Aaron Clarke</a>
Fri 25 Feb	11 am	<a href="#">Grants Advisory Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Aaron Clarke</a>

**Information for District Councillors and Parish Councils**

**2. Climate and Environment Fortnight**

The annual online Climate and Environment Fortnight of Events is taking place between the **21st February and the 7th March**. Including 6 insightful and engaging events, the fortnight will celebrate climate action taking place in the district, as well as looking at some of the things that the Council is doing to mitigate and adapt to climate change in the future.

Please see the details of the sessions below, including information on how to sign up. Alternatively, visit our [website](#).

**21 February: 7pm to 8pm: Community Action in Response to the Climate Emergency.**

Free tickets are available [here](#).

**23 February: 7pm to 8pm: Cycling for Sustainability.** Free tickets are available [here](#).

**24 February: 1pm to 2pm: Making your business greener.** Free tickets are available [here](#).

**1 March: 1pm to 2pm: Planning for the Climate Emergency.** Free tickets are available [here](#).

**3 March: 1pm to 2pm: Installing Electric Vehicle Charge Points for workplaces and public**

use. Free tickets are available [here](#).

**7 March: 6pm to 7pm: Post Covid Community Support Workshop.** Free tickets are available [here](#).

### 3. **Community Right to Bid - Assets of Community Value**

The Council has made the following decision and will amend the asset register accordingly:

The Navigator Public House, Little Shelford – The Council has approved the listing of The Navigator Public House as an Asset of Community Value until 07 February 2027.

Further information about the Community Right to Bid and Assets of Community Value can be found on our [webpage](#)

### 4. **Online Workshop: Getting Back to Face to Face**

The Cambridge Council for the Voluntary Service (CCVS) is hosting an online workshop on practical steps to safely run in-person events and move project delivery back to face to face.

Date: Wednesday 9 March

Time: 12:00 to 13:30

Contact the CCVS for more details: [enquiries@cambridgecvvs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cambridgecvvs.org.uk)

### 5. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Community Chest Funding**

The Council would like to support communities in marking 'The Queen's Platinum Jubilee'. For this reason, the criteria for the Community Chest Grant scheme has been flexed on a temporary and one-off basis until 12 April to allow Parish Councils and community groups to make Jubilee-related applications of up to £700. Applications will then be assessed at the Grants Advisory Committee meetings in March and April to help parishes plan.

Examples could include the purchase of a Commemoration bench or the planting of a tree or a rose in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These are just a couple of ideas! If you know of any community groups wishing to undertake a Jubilee-related project, we would ask you to make them aware of this fund.

Applications should be in the spirit of the rest of the Community Chest grant criteria. Further details and how to apply can be found at the Council's [Community Chest Grant webpage](#)

## Information for District Councillors

### 6. **Building Control Monthly Newsletter**

Please note that the 3C Building Control monthly newsletter will be sent to all District Councillors from next month. This month's newsletter can be viewed by clicking on this [link](#).

## General Information

### 7. **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		
03/03/2022	Cambridgeshire Live online	Police and Crime Commissioner asks for tax rise to pay for new officers	<a href="#">Link</a>	Cllr Anna Bradnam quoted
03/02/2022	The Planner online	Penultimate phase of Northstowe approved	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
03/02/2022	Planning Resource online	Cambs council approves Homes England's 4,000-home new town expansion	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
03/02/2022	Local Gov online	Approval for 4,000 homes in new Cambridgeshire town	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
05/02/2022	Cambridgeshire Live online	Rare Cambridgeshire chalk streams to be given £420,000 for restoration	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
07/02/2022	Cambridge News	£420k plan to save our chalk streams	P7	-
07/02/2022	Cambridge News	Opinion from South Cambridgeshire MP: When those who would benefit are against a project, it needs a rethink	P11	Column regarding GCP plans. Reference to SCDC
07/02/2022	Cambridgeshire Live online	Illegal parking crackdown will 'help every South Cambs village' as Cambridgeshire Police may see powers stripped	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
07/02/2022	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Bill Handley interviewed on drive time show about community development at Northstowe	<a href="#">Link</a>	1 hour 10 mins
07/02/2022	Cambridgeshire Live online	South Cambridgeshire planned council tax hike would 'increase working people's burden'	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
07/02/2022	Cambridge Independent online	Government 'has its eye' on future of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority	<a href="#">Link</a>	CA article. Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
07/02/2022	In Your Area online	Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire planning applications for week ending February 07	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
08/02/2022	Cambridge Network online	Council responds to Retirement Village planning legal challenge	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
08/02/2022	Cambridge News	Council tax rise would 'increase the burden on working people'	P4	-
08/02/2022	Cambridge News	Five-year plan to tackle parking problems in villages	P4	-
08/02/2022	Cambridge News	New rules in place to protect nature	P9	-
08/02/2022	Cambridge Independent online	£420,000 funding for chalk stream protection in Cambridgeshire - but is it 'greenwashing'?	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
08/02/2022	Hunts Post online	New EWR rail link plans to be discussed at virtual meeting	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
09/02/2022	Cambridge News	Stapleford retirement village plans approved after appeal	P13	-
09/02/2022	Cambridge Independent	It stinks...we need a sewage tax on water companies now'	P4	Reference to Greater Cambridge Local Plan
09/02/2022	Cambridge Independent	Retirement village in green belt is approved on appeal	P8	-
09/02/2022	Cambridge Independent	Council tax rise 'burden' on working people in the district	P10	-
09/02/2022	Cambridge Independent	Support for switch to council parking enforcement plan	P14	-
09/02/2022	Cambridge	Cost of living bites in district's homes	P18	-

## 8. Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)



### Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)

The Local Government Association provides a list of news headlines relevant to its members. Please click the headlines below for more details.

**Thursday 3 February, BBC News: [Levelling Up plan for UK revealed](#)**

The Government's Levelling Up White Paper, aimed at tackling regional inequality, has been published, promising improvements in education, broadband, transport and more.

**Thursday 3 February, BBC News: [Help to pay energy bills and council tax discounts for those in Bands A to C](#)**

Up to £200 could be available to help those in need as energy bills are set to see a record rise this April and the Government is also reportedly set to provide grants to pay for council tax discounts for those living in Bands A to C properties.

**Thursday 3 February, BBC News: [Councillor abuse](#)**

Pressure is growing for better legal protection to be introduced to combat an increase in councillor abuse on social media.

**Thursday 3 February, Telegraph: [Heat pumps could be inadequate](#)**

The Government's plan to introduce heat pumps to heat homes could fail to warm homes adequately, MPs have warned.

**Friday 4 February, Guardian: [Council tax rebate to tackle rising energy costs](#)**

The Government have announced that there will be £150 council tax rebate for most households in England to tackle a rise in energy.

**Friday 4 February, Times: [Council tax cut is "loopy and lopsided"](#)**

Council tax banding has been criticised as being "loopy" and "unfair" by campaign groups as the Government announces plans to a rebate to tackle rising energy costs.

**Saturday 5 February, FT: [Calls for devolution of control of business rates](#)**

Michael Gove, Secretary of State of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has called for control of England's main commercial property tax to be devoted to elected mayors.

**Saturday 5 February, Guardian: [Green opportunities missed in levelling up strategy](#)**

Opportunities to reach net zero carbon emissions and create green jobs in doing so have been missed in the Government's Levelling Up White Paper, according to green campaigners and businesses.

**Monday 7 February, Guardian: [Councils forced into tax rises and drastic service cuts](#)**

After Levelling Up Secretary Michael Gove last week unveiled the Government's plans to address regional and social inequalities, councils across England are having to plan reductions to frontline services after more than a decade of austerity.

**Monday 7 February, Guardian: [Most Conservative voters want more affordable housing stock](#)**

New polling by YouGov has found most Conservative voters want their party to deliver more

affordable housing and let councils buy up empty properties.

**Monday 7 February, BBC Online: [Greenfield homes increase car dependency – report](#)**

A report from Transport for New Homes has found housing developments on former farmland are adding hundreds of thousands of extra car journeys to England's roads.

**Monday 7 February, Telegraph: [Fears heat pumps could reduce value of properties](#)**

Energy scores for homes are set to be overhauled by the Government, with fears that under the current system, installing a heat pump could reduce the value of properties.

**Monday 7 February, Guardian: [Government review of gambling laws now not expected until May](#)**

Government proposals to reform gambling laws are reportedly now unlikely to be published until May.

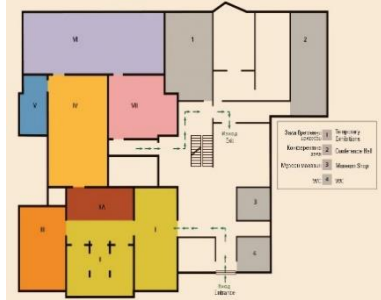
**Tuesday 8 February, BBC Politics Live: (15:15): [Asylum seeker accommodation costs](#)**

The LGA's call for councils to be involved in discussions with the Home Office on accommodation for asylum seekers was referenced on the BBC's Politics Live.

**Tuesday 8 February, Telegraph: [Thousands rush to challenge council tax bands to get £150 rebates](#)**

Almost 100,000 homeowners are expected to request an overhaul of their council tax, after missing out on a government payment to help with rising energy.

## 9. 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.



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'](#).

#### 10. Council's Business Plan 2022-25

Cabinet:

- a) **Considered** the proposed 2020-25 Business Plan at Appendix A (with the Action Plan primarily focused on delivery 2022-23) and recommend it to Council for approval, with any amendments as required.
- b) **Authorised** the Chief Executive to make any minor wording changes required to final drafts, in consultation with the Deputy Leader.

This decision was first published on Monday 7 February and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 14 February at 5 pm.

#### 11. Civil Parking Enforcement in South Cambridgeshire

Cabinet:

**Supported** an application by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) to the Department of Transport (DfT) to introduce Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) across South Cambridgeshire and **granted** delegated authority to the Head of Transformation, in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport, to provide feedback on behalf of the Council to the application for CPE to DfT and the Funding Agreement between CCC and Greater Cambridge Partnership.

This decision was first published on Monday 7 February and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 14 February at 5 pm.

#### 12. Authority Monitoring Report 2020-21

Cabinet:

- a) **Agreed** the Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council - Authority Monitoring Report for Greater Cambridge 2020-2021 (included as Appendix A) for publication on the Councils' websites.
- b) **Delegated** any further minor editing changes to the Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council - Authority Monitoring Report for Greater

Cambridge 2020-2021 to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Planning Policy and Delivery, including the final designed version of Appendix 3.

This decision was first published on Monday 7 February and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 14 February at 5 pm.

**13. Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document**

Cabinet:

- a) **Considered** the main issues raised in the public consultation, and responses to the representations received and the proposed changes to the SPD as set out in the Statement of Consultation (Appendix A of this report);
- b) **Approved** the amended Greater Cambridge Biodiversity SPD (appendix B of this report) and to delegate authority to make any necessary editing changes to the Supplementary Planning Document prior to publication to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning Policy and Delivery.

This decision was first published on Monday 7 February and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 14 February at 5 pm.

**14. HRA Asset Management Strategy 2021-2026**

Cabinet:

**Approved** the HRA Asset Management Strategy 2021-2026, as set out at Appendix A, subject to the Foreword being agreed with the Lead Cabinet Member for Housing.

This decision was first published on Monday 7 February and so the deadline for call-in is 5 pm on Monday 14 February.

**15. Acquisition 60 Affordable Homes and Commercial Unit at Northstowe 2B**

Cabinet:

**Approved** the Property Acquisition as specified in paragraph 9 of the exempt report.

This decision was first published on Monday 7 February and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 14 February at 5 pm.

**16. Acquisition - 34 Affordable Homes, Gamlingay**

Cabinet:

**Approved** the Property Acquisition and onward sale as specified in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the exempt report.

This decision was first published on Monday 7 February and so the deadline for call-in is Monday 14 February at 5 pm.

**17. Provision of 8no. affordable dwellings at Cody Road, Waterbeach**

The Lead Cabinet Member for Housing **agreed** to

- (a) Enter into Heads of Terms followed thereafter by a 3CT contract for the build of the 9 affordable homes and a land contract and transfer to purchase the site for the 9 affordable homes at Orchard Gardens, Melbourn.
- (b) Approve the sale of and grant of shared ownership leases up to a maximum of 50% for the shared ownership properties with the option to staircase to 100%.

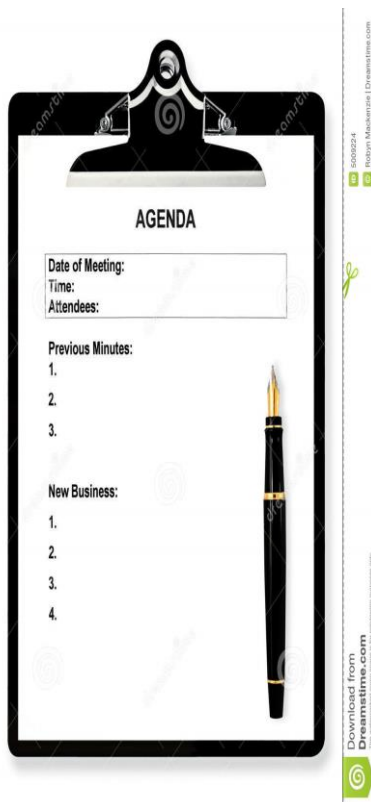
This decision was first published on Friday 4 February and so the deadline for call-in is 5 pm on Friday 11 February.

### 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

#### 18. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



#### Agendas

[Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee 15 February 10 am](#)

[Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee 15 February 2 pm](#)

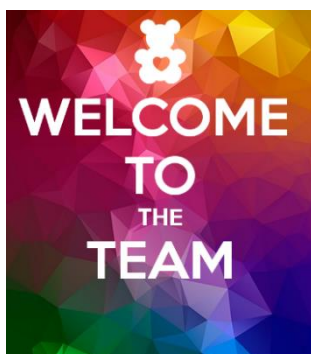
#### Decisions

[Cabinet 7 February](#)

[Provision of affordable dwellings at Cody Road, Waterbeach](#)

[Planning Committee 28 January](#)

#### 19. The Council's Starters and Leavers



#### New Employees at the Council

Name: Sarah Cheng  
 Job title: Senior Conservation Officer  
 Date started: 7 February 2022

Name: Gareth Rooney  
 Job title: Street Cleaning Operative  
 Date started: 7 February 2022

Name: Richard Smith  
 Job title: Environmental Health Practitioner



Date started: 14 February 2022

**Staff who have left**

Name: Carol Newell

Date left: 3 December 2021



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