



Councillors' Bulletin Wednesday, 23 March 2022

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 24 March to Friday 8 April 2022

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 24 Mar	-	-	-	-
Fri 25 Mar	10 am	Grants Advisory Committee	Council Chamber	Aaron Clarke
Mon 28 Mar	-	-	-	-
Tue 29 Mar	10 am	Audit & Corporate Governance Committee	Council Chamber	Patrick Adams
Wed 30 Mar	-	-	-	-
Thu 31 Mar	-	-	-	-
Fri 1 Apr	-	-	-	-

General Information

2. 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		
17/03/2022	Cambridge News	Green light for children's hospital	P1 & P5	-
17/03/2022	Cambridgeshire Live online	Latest on former National Institute of Agricultural Botany transformation into 300 flats and 202-bed hotel	Link	-
17/03/2022	BBC News online	Children's hospital in Cambridge given go-ahead	Link	-
17/03/2022	LGC online	Conservatives call for Cambridge congestion charge idea to be axed	Link	-
17/03/2022	Architects Journal online	Hawkins\Brown and White Arkitekter's Cambridge Children's Hospital approved	Link	-
17/03/2022	Public Sector Executive online	PSE365: Why understanding public sector building performance is key	Link	-
18/03/2022	Cambridge News	Planners want more affordable flats at new development	P9	-
18/03/2022	Cambridge News	University building is big winner in awards	P10 & P11	-
19/03/2022	Cambridgeshire Live online	Chair of Greater Cambridge Partnership bites back at 'cynical	Link	GCP article. Cllr Heather Williams quoted

		scaremongering' around congestion charge		
20/03/2022	Cambridge Independent online	15 energy-efficient council homes completed in Sawston	Link	-
21/03/2022	In Your Area online	Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire planning applications for week ending March 21	Link	-
21/03/2022	Cambridge News	Congestion charge criticism is branded 'scaremongering'	P6	GCP article. Cllr Heather Williams quoted
21/03/2022	BBC News online	Calls for Cambridge congestion charge idea to be binned	Link	GCP article.
21/03/2022	Gov.UK online	New digital tools to help residents have their say on local developments	Link	-
22/03/2022	Cambridge Network online	Council offers personalised advice to create safer and better-connected communities	Link	-
22/03/2022	Housing Today online	Government pilots £3.25m digital planning technology	Link	-
23/03/2022	Cambridge Independent	Tory efforts to put brakes on congestion charge rebuffed	P9	GCP article
23/03/2022	Cambridge Independent	Abandoning OxCam Arc 'will cost our economy £50bn by 2030'	P14 & P15	-
23/03/2022	Cambridge Independent	Early designs for children's hospital 'are exceptional'	P16	-
23/03/2022	Cambridge Independent	Flats, hotel and pool plans must wait amid affordable rent debate	P20	-
23/03/2022	Cambridge Independent	Apply now for £120k grant scheme	P22	-
23/03/2022	Cambridge Independent	£30k bonus for Emmaus	P22	-
23/03/2022	Cambridge Independent	Winners of Greater Cambridge Design and Construction Awards revealed	P48 & P49	-

3. 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 17 March, Guardian: [Air pollution targets not enough](#)

Air quality limits proposed by the Government will allow for twice as much small-particle pollution than is recommended as an upper limit by the World Health Organisation.

Thursday 17 March, Telegraph: [Electric vehicle network barrier to petrol ban](#)

The ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2030 is unrealistic due to the electric vehicle charging network not being ready, an advisory report by the National Infrastructure Commission has warned.

Saturday 19 March, Independent: [Homes for Ukraine Scheme](#)

Councillors and social workers have said they need more clarity on their exact role and responsibilities in the Homes for Refugees programme.

Sunday 20 March, Observer: [Homes for Ukraine scheme too bureaucratic](#)

Charities and the opposition say that Homes for Ukraine scheme will be “completely unworkable” unless the Government cuts excessive bureaucracy and better to coordinates the matching process.

Monday 21 March, Express: [Council tax alert](#)

A council tax alert has been issued to Britons on how to secure their £150 rebate quicker.

Tuesday 22 March, Times: [Sunak to tackle energy bill crisis with cheap loans for heat pumps](#)

Rishi Sunak has given the go-ahead for cheap taxpayer-backed loans to help homeowners install heat pumps, solar panels and other energy efficiency measures to combat rising fuel bills.

Tuesday 22 March, Telegraph: [PM prepares planning overhaul to speed up nuclear power plants](#)

Boris Johnson is readying an overhaul of planning laws to speed up the building of nuclear power stations, as Europe looks to reduce its reliance on Russian gas.

Tuesday 22 March, Telegraph: [Cost of charging electric cars on the street hits new high](#)

The cost of charging an electric car on the street has climbed to a record high, intensifying calls for the Chancellor to end a VAT loophole which leaves drivers unable to charge at home paying more in tax.

4. 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'](#).

5. Annual Equality Scheme Update and Progress Report

Cabinet:

- a) **Approved** adoption of the revised Equality Scheme at Appendix A.
- b) **Reviewed** the Equality Scheme action plan progress report at Appendix B, detailing progress against actions set in the 2020-21 iteration of the Equality Scheme.

Please note that this decision was first published on Tuesday 22 March and so the deadline for call-in is Tuesday 29 March at 5 pm.

6. Small Land Sales

Cabinet:

- a) **Approved** the draft Policy on small land transactions (HRA), attached at Appendix A, to be considered by the Housing Engagement Board.
- b) **Authorised** delegated authority to the Lead Member for Housing to approve the final Policy subject to minor amendments, if any, arising from the Housing Engagement Board.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 22 March and so the deadline for call-in is Tuesday 29 March at 5 pm.

7. Renewal of Home Improvement Agency Service Level Agreement

Cabinet:

Approved the renewal of the Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency shared service level agreement for a further three years up to 31 March 2025 (Appendix A) and the continuation of the current funding arrangements with the County Council.

This decision was first published on 22 March and so the deadline for call-in is Tuesday 29 March at 5 pm.

8. Interim Position Statement - First Homes

Cabinet:

- a) **Approved** the Greater Cambridge First Homes Interim Position Statement.
- b) **Delegated** authority be given to the Lead Member for Housing to approve any subsequent minor amendments and editing changes that do not materially affect the content of the Interim Position Statement.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 22 March and so the deadline for call-in is Tuesday 29 March at 5 pm.

9. Fixed term tenancies

Cabinet:

Approved the proposal to end the use of fixed term tenancies for its own housing tenants and replaces these with lifetime tenancies for both existing and new tenants. The Council's approach to introductory tenancies will remain unchanged. Introductory tenancies are for a period of 12 months but can be extended for a further 18 months if the tenancy has not been conducted in a satisfactory manner.

This decision was first published on Tuesday 22 March and so the deadline for call-in is 5 pm on Tuesday 29 March.

10. Ermine Street Housing - Review of the Business Plan

Cabinet:

Approved, in their capacity as shareholder, the Ermine Street Business Plan for the period 2021/2022 to 2030/2031.

This decision was first published on 22 March and so the deadline for call-in is Tuesday 29 March at 5 pm.

11. Commercial Asset Disposal

Cabinet:

Approved the Commercial Asset Disposal as specified in paragraph 5 of the exempt report

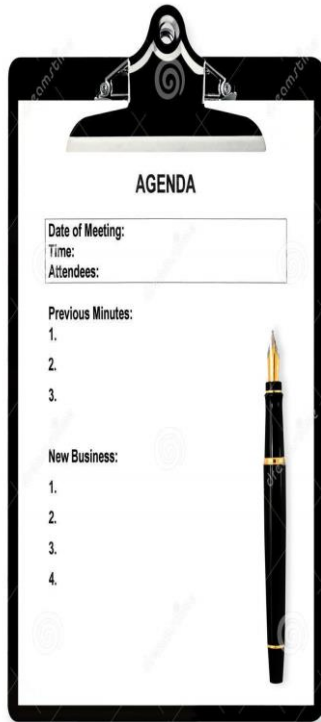
This decision was first published on 22 March on so the deadline for call-in is Tuesday 29 March at 5 pm.

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

12. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Grants Advisory Committee 25 March](#)
- [Audit & Corporate Governance Committee 29 March](#)
- [Licensing \(2003 Act\) Sub-Committee 30 March](#)

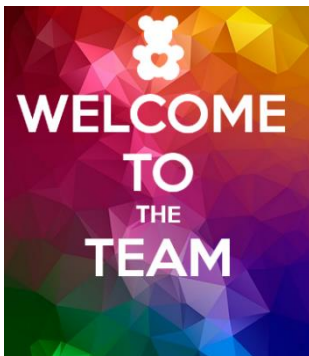
Decisions

- [Cabinet 22 March](#)

Minutes

- [Grants Advisory Committee 25 February](#)
- [Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee 1 March 8:30 am](#)
- [Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee 1 March 11:00 am](#)
- [Council 22 February](#)

13. The Council's Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Helen Sayers
Job title: Principal Landscape Architect – Public Practice
Date started: 4 April 2022



Staff who have left

Name: Ryan Biggs
Date left: 22 March 2022

Name: Gen Broad
Date left: 4 March 2022

Name: Sharon Brown
Date left: 18 March 2022

Name: Aaron Coe
Date leaving: 31 March 2022

Name: Carole Freeland
Date left: 10 March 2022

Name: Emily Mendes



Date left: 10 March 2022

Name: Kirsty Seabridge

Date left: 1 March 2022

Name: Brian Strange

Date leaving: 31 March 2022

Name: Matt Stigwood

Date left: 11 March 2022

Name: Lewis Tomlinson

Date leaving: 31 March 2022