



**Councillors' Bulletin  
Wednesday, 7 February  
2024**

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South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 8 February to Friday 23 February 2024**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 8 Feb	-	-	-	-
Fri 9 Feb	-	-	-	-
<b>Mon 12 Feb</b>	11:59 pm	Deadline for motions for Council on 27 February.		
<b>Tue 13 Feb</b>	2 pm	<a href="#">Climate &amp; Environment Advisory Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Laurence Damary-Homan</a>
<b>Wed 14 Feb</b>	10 am	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Laurence Damary-Homan</a>
<b>Thu 15 Feb</b>	5:30 pm	<a href="#">Scrutiny &amp; Overview Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
	11:59 pm	Deadline for councillors' questions for Council on 27 February		
<b>Fri 16 Feb</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Mon 19 Feb</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Tue 20 Feb</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Wed 21 Feb</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Thu 22 Feb</b>	10 am	<a href="#">Grants Advisory Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Laurence Damary-Homan</a>
<b>Fri 23 Feb</b>	-	-	-	-

**Information for District Councillors and Parish Councils**

**2. Community Right to Bid - Assets of Community Value**

On 22/01/2024 the Council received the following nomination:

**The Blue Ball Inn, 57 Broadway, Grantchester, Cambridge, CB3 9NQ**

SCDC ref CRtB/2024/003

The Council will make its decision by 18/03/2024.

On 22/01/2024 the Council received the following nomination:

**The Green Man Public House**

**59 High Street**

**Grantchester**

**Cambridge**

**CB3 9NF**

SCDC ref CRtB/2024/004

The Council will make its decision by 18/03/2024

On 22/01/2024 the Council received the following nomination:

**The Greyhound Public House, 2 High Street, Sawston, Cambridge, CB22 3BG**

SCDC ref CRtB/2024/006

The Council will make its decision by 18/03/2024

On 22/01/2024 the Council received the following nomination:

**The Red Lion Public House & Restaurant, 33 High Street, Grantchester, Cambridge, CB3 9NF**

SCDC ref CRtB/2024/005

The Council will make its decision by 18/03/2024

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

Please contact [partnerships@scams.gov.uk](mailto:partnerships@scams.gov.uk) if you have any questions.

## General Information

### 3. 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	-	-
01/02/2024	Cambridge News print	New scheme to tackle illegal parking comes into force	P6	-
01/02/2024	BBC Online	Council tax precept set to treble to improve buses	<a href="#">Link</a>	Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
01/02/2024	Peterborough Telegraph online	Mayoral council tax bill to treble as leaders insist price worth paying to improve buses	<a href="#">Link</a>	Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
02/02/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Finalists in Greater Cambridge Design and Construction Awards 2024 revealed	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
02/02/2024	Cambridge News	£24 a year tax hike is a price worth paying	P1 and P6-7	Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
02/02/2024	Planning Resource online	How councils and consultants are using the Planning Skills Delivery Fund	<a href="#">Link</a>	Suggests a 4dw to help recruitment
02/02/2024	You Tube	How Wayne improved his quality of life with support from Hope CIC and South Cambs District Council. - YouTube	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
02/02/2024	Big Issue online	Will we have a 4 day working week by 2030?	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
02/02/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Finalists in Greater Cambridge Design and Construction Awards 2024 revealed	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
03/02/2024	Cambridge News print	Go-ahead for Fowlmere science hub	P6	-

04/02/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	Cambridge girl's terminal illness means her eyesight is almost gone and her brain 'forgets to do stuff'	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
05/02/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Cambridgeshire's mayoral precept to triple – and council leader fumes that devolution should not be a 'new excuse to tax local people'	<a href="#">Link</a>	CPCA article. Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
05/02/2024	The National online	What we need to do next if we want four-day work week	<a href="#">Link</a>	Reference to SCDC 4 day week trial
06/02/2024	Local Government Chronicle online	Four-day week 'financial levers' plan met with mass opposition	<a href="#">Link</a>	Reference to SCDC 4 day week trial
06/02/2024	Cambridge News print	Family's urgent mission to adapt bedroom for stricken Caitlin	P3	-
06/02/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Cambridge family fundraising to complete bucket list for daughter with terminal illness	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
07/02/2024	Cambridge Independent print	GCP to consider next step in City Access plan for road hierarchy	P10	GCP article
07/02/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Air quality consultation ending soon	P11	-
07/02/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Is swimming pool plan sinking?	P15	-
07/02/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Mayor's bus precept to triple - despite call to live within means	P18	CPCA article. Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
07/02/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Council to use AI to answer calls out of hours	P21	-
07/02/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Cllr Bridget Smith column: Tory neglect for local government leaves councils facing awful decisions	P28 & P29	-
07/02/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Opinion from Cllr Pippa Heylings: We need action now to improve access to GPs in our community	P32	-

#### 4. 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 1 February, Guardian: [MPs demand £4bn bailout for councils](#)**

Ministers must urgently inject £4 billion into English town hall budgets to head off an “out of control” financial crisis which threatens to drag well-run councils into effective bankruptcy and put local services at risk, a cross-party group of MPs has warned.

**Friday 2 February, BBC: [Debate Not Hate](#)**

The LGA's Debate Not Hate campaign which aims to improve support for local politicians, was featured in a report about the threats and verbal abuse experienced by councillors in Trafford and Sunderland.

**Saturday 3 February, Guardian: [Charities warn of impact of council financial pressures](#)**

Citizens Advice and Age UK have warned of the “devastating impact” of the financial pressures on council.

**Sunday 4 February, Observer: Opinion: [Council funding](#)**

In an opinion piece, Observer columnist Will Hutton references the LGA's estimates that one in five councils risk issuing a section 114 notice over the next two years.

**Monday 5 February, Daily Mail: [Household Support Fund ending](#)**

The LGA has warned that more families risk falling into poverty if the Household Support Fund, which is due to end on 31 March is not extended.

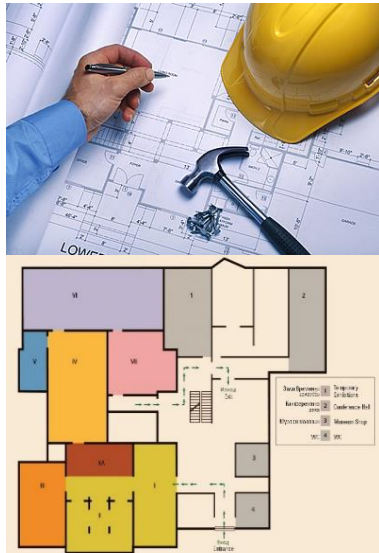
**Tuesday 6 February, BBC Newsnight: [Abuse of councillors](#)**

A survey of councillors by the LGA has found that 27 per cent of councillors will not seek re-election due to the volume of abuse and intimidation they have received.

**Tuesday 6 February, Guardian: [Household Support Fund needs to continue, says LGA](#)**

The charity Barnardo's has warned that councils are struggling to keep up with applications for cost of living support due to a rise in the cost of living.

**5. 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 31 January 2024



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'](#).

### 6. Community Chest Grants- Guidance Amendment

The Lead Cabinet Member for Resources **agreed** to accept the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Committee. The new eligible parishes, (including those exceeding the electorate figure of 200 by 10%) will be contacted informing them of this amendment to the criteria.

This decision was first published on 31 January and so the deadline for call-in is 7 February 2024.

### 7. Greater Cambridge Authority Monitoring Report 2022-23

Cabinet:

1. Agreed the Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council - Authority Monitoring Report for Greater Cambridge 2022-2023 (included as Appendix A) for publication on the Councils' websites.

2. Delegated any further minor editing changes to the Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council - Authority Monitoring Report for Greater Cambridge 2022-2023 to the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport.

This decision was first published on 6 February 2024, so the deadline for call-in is 13 February 2024.

### 8. State of the District - South Cambridgeshire

Cabinet agreed to:

1. Note the report, and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive to make any minor wording changes required to the final draft, in consultation with the Leader.

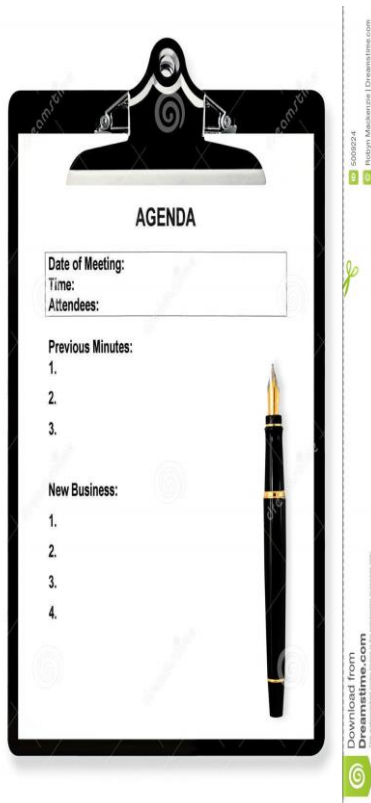
This decision was first published on 6 February, so the deadline for call-in is 13 February 2024.

### 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

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



#### Agendas

[Climate & Environment Advisory Committee](#)

[13 February](#)

[Planning Committee 14 February](#)

#### Decisions

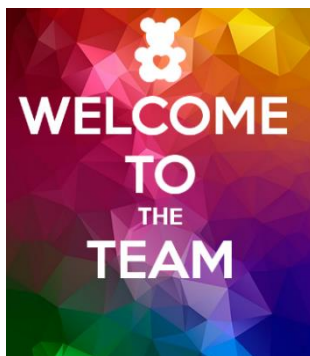
[Cabinet 6 February](#)

[Rural Settlements List 2024/25](#)

#### Plans

[Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

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



#### New Employees at the Council

Name: Janine Richardson

Job title: Principal Planner

Date started: 1 February 2024

Name: Chenge Taruvinga

Job title: Strategic Sites Team Leader

Date started: 1 February 2024

Name: Katie Wren

Job title: Project Manager (Strategy & Economy team)

Date started: 5 February 2024