



**Councillors' Bulletin  
Wednesday, 14 February  
2024**

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South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 15 February to Friday 1 March**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 15 Feb	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		
Fri 16 Feb	-	-	-	-
Mon 19 Feb	-	-	-	-
Tue 20 Feb	-	-	-	-
Wed 21 Feb	-	-	-	-
Thu 22 Feb	10 am	<a href="#">Grants Advisory Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Laurence Damary-Homan</a>
Fri 23 Feb	-	-	-	-
Mon 26 Feb	-	-	-	-
Tue 27 Feb	2 pm	<a href="#">Council</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Wed 28 Feb	-	-	-	-
Thu 29 Feb	10 am	<a href="#">Employment &amp; Staffing Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Laurence Damary-Homan</a>
Fri 1 Mar	-	-	-	-

**Information for District Councillors**

**2. Have your say on nature recovery**

A Local Nature Recovery Strategy for our area is being developed, to respond to the local and national biodiversity decline and support the recovery of nature in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

If you want to share your thoughts and ideas to help shape nature recovery in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, then click on the link below to take part in the survey.

The closing date for comments is Friday 5 April at 5pm.

**Links to survey**

Link to [survey](#)

Also available on [LNRS webpage](#)

**3. Learning and Skills Fund is now open for applications**

**Grants available:** £5k to £30K

**District:** Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

**Application closes: 1 March 2024**

**Who is the funding for** local voluntary and community groups

[Link](#)

**About:**

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) is offering funds to enrich the lifelong learning and skills offer for adults who are aged 19+ and residents of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

This six-month pilot programme offers grants between £5,000 and £30,000 to increase and broaden participation in adult learning and skills development, particularly to reduce inequalities in access to adult education. Project participants must be residents of Cambridgeshire (this includes Peterborough).

**Please note:** There is a **one month application window**. The deadline for submission of applications is **1 March 2024**. Projects must be ready to **start in June 2024** and **finish by 30 November 2024**. There will then be a short timeframe for submission of reporting (three weeks).

Further details including **how to apply** can be found via the:

- [Bulletin from \(CCF\) Cambridgeshire Community Foundation](#)
- [Cambridgeshire Community Foundation website](#)
- Information on the [Support Cambridgeshire website](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact CCVS if you have questions or require any assistance.  
[enquiries@cambridgecvs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cambridgecvs.org.uk)

**4. A11 Babraham to Six Mile Bottom resurfacing update**

National Highways have updated the Council on the essential maintenance work they are carrying out on the A11 between Babraham and Six Mile Bottom. Their work includes resurfacing, road markings, stud replacement and sign renewals. This will ensure that the A11 remains safe and serviceable for years to come.

Work began on Monday 6 March 2023 and is expected to be completed in **February 2024**.

**Upcoming closures and diversions**

The next phase of work will take continue on the **A11 southbound** between **Six Mile Bottom** and **Balsham Road** from **Monday 5 February** to **Thursday 22 February**. Work will be carried out on **weeknights between 8pm and 6am**.

To carry out the work safely, they need to close the A11 southbound, and traffic will be diverted via the A14 and M11 (**Strategic diversion**).

Any traffic wishing to join the A11 southbound at Six Mile Bottom will be diverted as follows:

- Traffic will follow Wilbraham Road and the A1303 to join the A14 westbound at junction 35 (Stow cum Quy), then follow the Strategic Diversion (**Map 1**).

**Updated diversion**

The **A11 northbound exit slip at Six Mile Bottom** will also be closed. Drivers wanting to exit here will continue on the A11 northbound merging with the A14 eastbound before re-joining the

A11 northbound at junction 38. Traffic will be turned around at the B1085 junction heading south back towards Newmarket and exit onto the A1304 (High Street) through Newmarket to return to Six Mile Bottom (**Map 2**).

### Other planned work

They also plan to carry out maintenance and improvement work on the **A14 between Cambridge and Newmarket**.

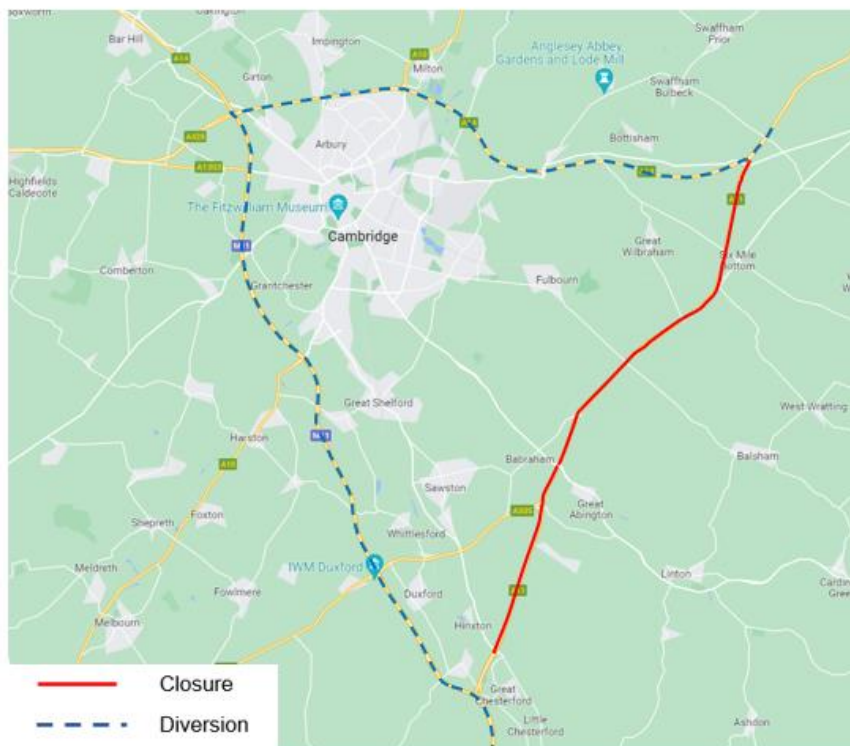
This work will include resurfacing, replacement of road markings, signs and road studs between junction 35 (Stow Cum Quy) and junction 36 (Nine Mile Hill). This will ensure the A14 remains safe and serviceable for years to come.

They plan to carry out this work over approx. 6 months, starting on **Monday 19 February 2024**. We'll be working predominately weeknights with some weekends, between **8 pm and 5am/6am**, weather permitting. The first phase will involve closures of the A14 eastbound and will thus not affect the diversion for when the A11 southbound is closed.

### How to find out more

More information about our closures and diversion routes can be found on their [website](#).

#### Strategic Diversion

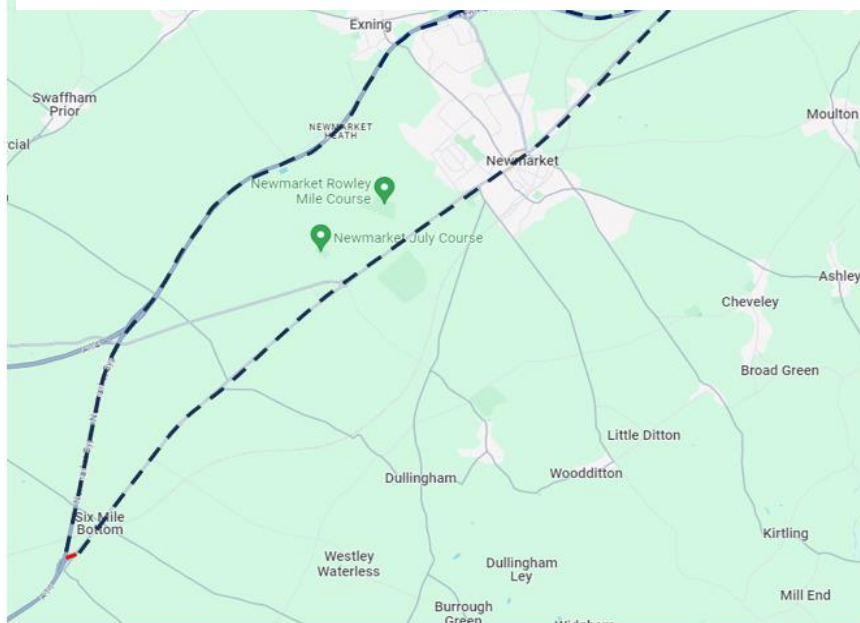


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## A11 Exit slip diversion - Maps 1 & 2



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## General Information

### 5. 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	-	-
08/02/2024	Cambridge News print	Authority urges residents to seek out energy saving support	P3	-
08/02/2024	Cambridge News print	Council explores use of A1 to ensure its services reach A grade	P10-11	-
08/02/2024	Royston Crow online	South Cambs District Council awards £500,000 in grants	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
08/02/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	Decision date set for plans to build six-storey hotel on edge of Cambridge	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
08/02/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Councillors to decide on plans for six-storey hotel in Orchard Park in Cambridge	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
08/02/2024	BBC News online	Six-storey hotel recommended for approval near Cambridge	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
09/02/2024	Cambridge Network online	Council hands out over £500,000 in grants in 2023	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
09/02/2024	Boutique Hotelier online	New six-storey hotel planned for Cambridge	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
09/02/2024	Planet Radio online	Decision on new hotel on edge of Cambridge due next week	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
09/02/2024	Cambs News online	Little Miracles of Peterborough credited for £120,000 specialist loo at IWM Duxford	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
09/02/2024	That's TV Cambridge	Changing Places toilet launched at IWM Duxford	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
10/02/2024	Cambridge News print	Decision due on new city hotel plan	P1 & 6	-
10/02/2024	Cambridge Network online	New Changing Places toilet opens at Imperial War Museum Duxford	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
12/02/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	All three bids to redevelop builders yard fall through - including for Traveller homes and eco-business park	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
12/02/2024	Royston Crow online	New Changing Places toilet opens at Imperial War Museum	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
12/02/2024	Greatest Hits Radio	Cambridge housing expansion will create 'five minute neighbourhoods'	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
12/02/2024	Planning Resource online	The 110 councils that will receive £1m plus from the £291m New Homes Bonus in 2024/25	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
12/02/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Why hopes of new swimming pool built by University of Cambridge are sinking	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
13/02/2024	Haverhill Echo print	Changing Places toilet opens at Duxford	P5	-
13/02/2024	Cambridge Independent	Three plans to redevelop Harston builders' yard all fall through	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
13/02/2024	Cambridge News print	Plans to develop a builder's yard hit a brick wall	P6	-
13/02/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	Appeal lost to build 'intriguing but not outstanding' partially underground Cambridgeshire homes	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
13/02/2024	Royston Crow online	Steeple Morden: Appeal lost for partially underground homes	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
13/02/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	Major Cambridge home expansion could include 'five-minute neighbourhoods'	Link	-
14/02/2024	Cambridge News print	'Five-minute neighbourhood' is keystone to city expansion	P5	-
14/02/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Developer's plotting Hartree's 'five-minute neighbourhood'	P7	-
14/02/2024	Cambridge	Homes partly underground are rejected	P7	-

	Independent print			
14/02/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Three plans for builders' yard fall through	P18	-
14/02/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Debate over hotel for city fringe	P22	-

## 6. 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 8 February, BBC Online: [Labour abandons £28bn green investment pledge](#)**

Labour will no longer commit to investing £28 billion a year in green energy projects if it wins the next election, it is reported.

**Thursday 8 February, BBC Online: [Six councils join forces to bid for investment](#)**

All six district councils in Berkshire are joining forces in order to bid for county-wide investment.

**Friday 9 February, FT: [Public accounts](#)**

Local Authorities in England are facing the possibility of a deadline to publish overdue accounts before September.

**Saturday 10 February, Guardian: [Council tax](#)**

Councils have warned of continued financial pressure amid calls from the Government for them to show restraint in raising levels of council tax.

**Sunday 11 February, BBC News: [Government to relax rules for shop to housing conversions](#)**

The Government will announce a further relaxation of permitted development rules to extend to shops and offices of any size to increase housing supply.

**Sunday 11 February, Observer: [Council loans](#)**

A number of councils took out high interest loans last year, with interest rates at around 4.55 per cent according to figures from the Debt Management Office.

**Monday 12 February, Guardian: [Biodiversity net gain rules to be introduced](#)**

New regulations on biodiversity net gain are to come into force from today. The "nature market" means all new building projects must achieve a 10 per cent net gain in biodiversity or habitat.

**Tuesday 13 February, ITV News: [Brownfield development](#)**

The Levelling Up Secretary, Michael Gove MP, is ready to set out new plans which include increasing pressure on city councils, particularly London, to build on brownfield sites.

**Wednesday 14 February, Sky News: [LGA calls for Right to Buy reforms](#)**

The LGA is proposing reforms to the Right to Buy scheme, ahead of next month's Budget, in order to prevent the current new loss of much needed social housing stock year on year currently being experienced by local authorities.

## 7. 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 7 February 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'](#).

## 8. White Ribbon Accreditation

The Lead Cabinet Member for Housing **agreed** to authorise officers to pursue White Ribbon accreditation.

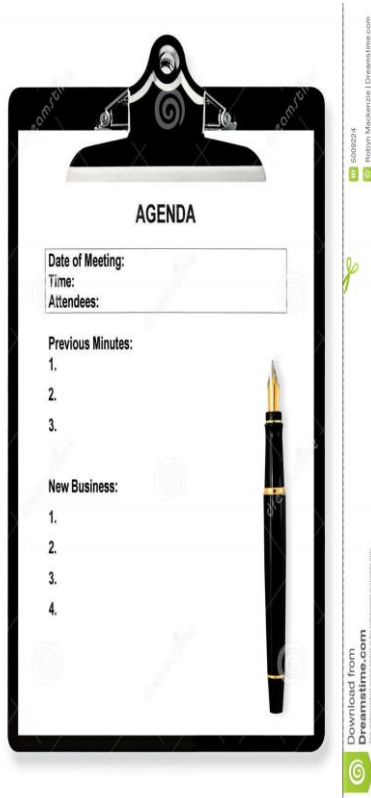
This decision was first published on 8 February and so the deadline for call-in is 15 February 2024.

## 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

[Scrutiny & Overview Committee 15 February](#)

#### Decisions

[White Ribbon Accreditation](#)

#### Minutes

[Council 20 November](#)

[Council 30 November](#)

[Planning Committee 17 January](#)

[Scrutiny & Overview Committee 18 January](#)

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



#### New Employees at the Council

Name: Wayne Badcock

Job title: Refuse & Recycling Operative

Date started: 8 February 2024

#### Staff who have moved jobs

Name: Claire Shannon

New job: Principal Planner

Date transferred: 12 February 2024





**Staff who have left**

Name: Gail Herbert  
Date leaving: 29 February 2024

Name: Jordan O'Evans  
Date left: 25 January 2024

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