



**Councillors' Bulletin  
Wednesday, 6 March 2024**

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South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 7 March to Friday 22 March**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 7 Mar	10:30 am	<a href="#">Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee</a>	F2	<a href="#">Aaron Clarke</a>
-	12:30 pm	<a href="#">Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee</a>	F2	<a href="#">Aaron Clarke</a>
Fri 8 Mar	-	-	-	-
Mon 11 Mar	-	-	-	-
Tue 12 Mar	10 am	<a href="#">Cabinet</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Pippa Turvey</a>
Wed 13 Mar	10 am	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Laurence Damary-Homan</a>
Thu 14 Mar	10 am	<a href="#">Civic Affairs Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Fri 15 Mar	-	-	-	-
Mon 18 Mar	-	-	-	-
Tue 19 Mar	10 am	<a href="#">Audit &amp; Corporate Governance Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Wed 20 Mar	-	-	-	-
Thu 21 Mar	5:30 pm	<a href="#">Scrutiny &amp; Overview Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Fri 22 Mar	-	-	-	-

**Information for District Councillors and Parish Councils**

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

On 21/12/2023 the Council received the following nomination:

**The Chestnut Tree Public House, 1 Mill Road West Wrattling CB21 5LT**

SCDC ref CRTB/2023/002

The asset was removed from the List of Assets of Community Value on 5 January 2024. As a result of new information pertaining to the nature of the disposal and the exemptions that, therefore, apply, the asset will be reinstated on the Council's list.

Please do contact [partnerships@scamb.gov.uk](mailto:partnerships@scamb.gov.uk) if you have any questions. Further information about the Community Right to Bid and Assets of Community Value can be found on our [webpage](#).

## 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	-	-
29/02/2024	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	AM bulletins: Preview of Employment and Staffing Committee discussion around four-day week trial	N/A	-
29/02/2024	That's TV Cambridge	Interview with Cllr Bill Handley on defibs being installed in five more South Cambs villages	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
29/02/2024	Planning Resource online	Shared Cambridgeshire planning service appoints lead of new major infrastructure team	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
29/02/2024	Fenland Citizen online	<a href="#">Fenland District Council voted in favour of promoting farmers' mental health</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	SCDC mentioned
29/02/2024	Biggleswade Chronicle online	Lifesaving equipment installed at sheltered housing complex in Gamlingay	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
29/02/2024	Royston Crow online	South Cambridgeshire reflects on support for Ukraine	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
29/02/2024	Cambs Times online	Farmers mental health risk unseen says Fenland councillor	<a href="#">Link</a>	SCDC mentioned
29/01/2024	Planet Radio online	South Cambs District Council discusses continuing 4-day working week	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
29/01/2024	BBC Online	AI could result in a four-day working week becoming 'standard'	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
29/01/2024	Cambridge Network online	Council backs Budget and Business Plan	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
29/01/2024	Star Radio online	Council home rent going up in South Cambridgeshire	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
01/03/2024	Cambridge News print	£36 a month rent rises still good value	P4	-
02/03/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	South Cambridgeshire four-day week will be 'challenging' to reverse the longer it goes on	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
02/03/2024	BNN Breaking online	Barrington: Quintessential English Village with a BMX Twist and Historical Charms	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
03/03/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	The Cambs village with one of the last thatched schools in the country where house prices are falling	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
03/03/2024	Geo TV online	South Cambridgeshire's four-day week would be 'difficult' to reverse if it goes on longer Geo Tv News	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
03/03/2024	Cambridge 105FM	Cllr John Williams interviewed on politics show regarding four-day week trial	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
03/03/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Five new defibrillators installed at sheltered housing communal rooms in South Cambridgeshire	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
03/03/2024	Planet Radio online	Cambridgeshire lives lost during Covid pandemic to be remembered	<a href="#">Link</a>	Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
04/03/2024	Cambridge News print	Council's 4 day week. Can it be reversed?	P4	-
04/03/2024	Cambridgeshire	Historic hotel near Cambridge launches second	<a href="#">Link</a>	-

	Live online	bid to expand in order to survive		
04/03/2024	Daily Express online	Esther McVey: Socialist madness over four day week is catching on	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
05/03/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	Historic hotel near Cambridge launches second bid to expand in order to survive	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
05/03/2024	BNN Breaking online	Quy Mill Hotel & Spa Seeks Expansion for Viability with Innovative Design in Cambridge	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
05/03/2024	LBC online	Bankrupt' Birmingham Council set to vote on 21% tax hike as residents face bin collection cuts and dimmed streetlights	<a href="#">Link</a>	Reference to SCDC 4 day week trial
05/03/2024	Telegraph Online	Why Hunt's holiday home crackdown could leave tourist hotspots in ruins	<a href="#">Link</a>	SCDC mention - no decision made
06/03/2024	Cambridge Network online	GP surgery and charity day centre expand thanks to funding secured from local developers	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
06/03/2024	Cambridge Network online	Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Local Plan - timetable update	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
06/03/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Five big uncertainties holding up progress on key Local Plan	P7	-
06/03/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Station move 'will not impact police presence in city centre'	P12	Reference to SCDC granting planning permission
06/03/2024	Cambridge Independent print	£5 minimum tax rise is approved	P18	-
06/03/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Four-day week trial data shows it's not working, say Tories	P19	-
06/03/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Council rents to rise by £9 a week in district	P19	-
06/03/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Quy Mill tries again to expand	P22	-
06/03/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Cllr Bridget Smith column: Standing in support of care-experienced people	P26 & P27	-
06/03/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Opinion column: Bare Minimum Britain falls apart	P30	Reference to SCDC 4 day week trial

#### 4. 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 29 February, BBC Newsnight: [LGA survey on council funding pressures](#)**

LGA Chair, Cllr Shaun Davies was interviewed on BBC Newsnight on the LGA's warning that frontline neighbourhood services will have to be reduced if further funding is not provided in the Spring Budget on March 6.

**Friday 1 March, New Statesman: [Community services at risk of severe cutbacks](#)**

More than two thirds (67 per cent) of councils warn that neighbourhood services, including waste collection, road repairs, libraries and leisure centres, are likely to see severe cutbacks due to funding shortages, an LGA survey of council chief executives has found.

**Saturday 2 March, Mirror: [Councils to sell assets to pay for services](#)**

Nearly 20 councils facing financial difficulties have been given permission by government to sell off property and assets to pay for public services next year.

**Sunday 3 March, Sunday Telegraph: [Garden waste collection charges](#)**

Four out of five councils in England are charging residents to pick up their green waste, according to a survey by the Telegraph.

**Sunday 3 March, iNews: [Cash for plastic scheme delay “disappointing”](#)**

Major retailers including Danone have labelled the delay to the Government’s flagship recycling scheme as “disappointing”, as a three year delay is anticipated.

**Monday 4 March, Mail: [Garden waste collection charges](#)**

Figures have shown that 254 of the 314 councils in England charge to collect green waste.

**Tuesday 5 March, BBC Today Programme: [LGA warning on council finances](#)**

Chair of the LGA, Cllr Shaun Davies, spoke to BBC Radio 4’s Today Programme this morning about the financial challenges facing councils, as many are having to approve cuts to services to set balanced 2024/25 budgets.

**Wednesday 6 March, BBC News Online: [Council urged to reduce spend on diversity schemes](#)**

The Government will use the Budget to urge councils to “do more for less” and reduce their spending on consultants and diversity schemes, it has been reported.

**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 28 February



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. LAHF funding round 1/2 - Homes for Refugees & Temporary Accommodation

The Lead Cabinet Member for Housing **agreed** to accept an offer of funding from the Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) to acquire a total of ten additional homes.

Please note that this decision can be implemented immediately because the Chair of Council and Chair of Scrutiny have agreed that this matter can be treated as urgent and have waived call in. This is due to the fact that to secure funding, an agreement with DLUHC needs to be signed before the expiration of the normal 5 day call-in period.

### 7. Response to West Suffolk Local Plan (Regulation 19) Submission Draft Consultation

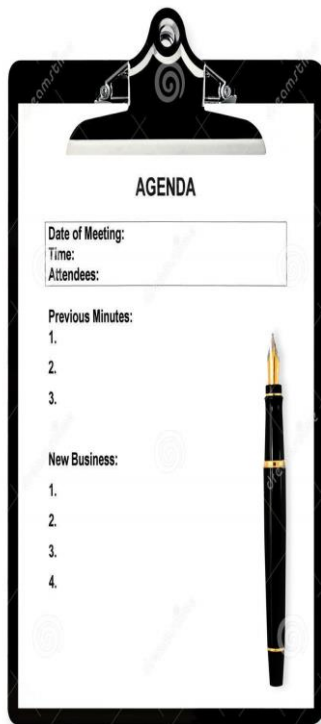
The Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development and Lead Cabinet member for Planning Policy and Delivery agreed the response to the West Suffolk Local Plan (Regulation 19) Submission Draft consultation as set out in Appendix A.

## 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

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



#### Agendas

[Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee 7 March 10:30 am](#)

[Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee 7 March 12:30 pm](#)

[Cabinet 12 March](#)

[Planning Committee 13 March](#)

[Civic Affairs Committee 14 March](#)

#### Decisions

[Response to West Suffolk Local Plan](#)

[LAHF funding – Homes for Refugees](#)

[Council 27 February](#)

#### Minutes

[Cabinet 6 February](#)

[Scrutiny & Overview Committee 15 February](#)

#### Plans

[Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#)

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



#### New Employees at the Council

Name: Tracey Maddock

Job title: Housing temp

Date started: 28 February 2024

Name: Barry Hutchinson

Job title: Elections Team

Date started: 4 March 2024

#### Staff who have moved jobs

Name: Rachael Mallender

New job title: Enforcement Officer

Date transferred: 1 March 2024

Name: Adam Thomson

New job title: Refuse & Recycling Operative

Date transferred: 5 March 2024