



**Councillors' Bulletin
Wednesday, 28 February
2024**

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 29 February to Friday 15 March

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 29 Feb	10 am	Employment & Staffing Committee	Council Chamber	Laurence Damary-Homan
Fri 1 Mar	-	-	-	-
Mon 4 Mar	-	-	-	-
Tue 5 Mar	-	-	-	-
Wed 6 Mar	-	-	-	-
Thu 7 Mar	10:30 am	Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee	F2	Aaron Clarke
-	12:30 pm	Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee	F2	Aaron Clarke
Fri 8 Mar	-	-	-	-
Mon 11 Mar	-	-	-	-
Tue 12 Mar	10 am	Cabinet	Council Chamber	Pippa Turvey
Wed 13 Mar	10 am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Laurence Damary-Homan
Thu 14 Mar	10 am	Civic Affairs Committee	Council Chamber	Patrick Adams
Fri 15 Mar	-	-	-	-

Information for District Councillors and Parish Councils

2. Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service - Service Improvements

Please find attached an invitation to attend a seminar at the Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service Headquarters on the morning of Wednesday 6 March.

3. Online Volunteer Fair - 5 March

CCVS are hosting another of their popular online lunchtime volunteer fairs on Tuesday 5th March, 12.30pm to 2pm. If you've been considering volunteering, or would like to increase the time you spend, or add to an existing role, but don't know how to go about it, this event is for you!

Pop along to the fair to find out what's on offer. Come and hear from a variety of local voluntary organisations who will give a short presentation about the volunteering they have on offer and you will have a chance to ask questions.

The groups involved all work to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities and support the most vulnerable. There are a mixture of face to face, online, and virtual volunteering

opportunities. Some offer training and require regular commitment, others are more flexible.

You can attend the whole fair, or just pop in and out as you wish. Booking is essential to get the online joining link. Details and booking: [Link](#)

Don't keep this opportunity to yourself, share news about the fair with your friends, colleagues, and families. Hope to see you there!

4. Assets of Community Value

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

The Greyhound Public House, 2 High Street, Sawston, Cambridge, CB22 3BG
SCDC ref CRtB/2024/006

The Council has made a decision to include the land/buildings on the list of Assets of Community Value and will amend the asset register accordingly.

Black Horse Public House, 6 High Street, Rampton, Cambridge, CB24 8QE

SCDC ref CRtB/2024/008

The Council will make its decision by 09/04/2024

Please do contact 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

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	-	-
22/02/2024	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Interview with Cllr Bridget Smith on breakfast show regarding four-day week trial update	Listen at 7.51am	Breakfast with Dotty McLeod show
22/02/2024	BBC Look East	Interview with Cllr John Williams regarding four-day week trial update	Listen at 2:44	-
22/02/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	South Cambridgeshire proposing to continue four-day week	Link	-
22/04/2024	BBC Online	South Cambridgeshire council keeps four-day week amid government threat	Link	-
22/04/2024	Local Government Chronicle online	South Cambs to continue four-day week without consultation	Link	-
22/04/2024	Cambsnews online	South Cambridgeshire council basks in £434,000 of savings following 4-day week trial	Link	-
22/04/2024	Materials Recycling World online	Four-day working week improves council RCV driver retention	Link	-

22/04/2023	Star Radio online	Council four-day week trial set to continue	Link	-
22/04/2024	Public Finance online	District to continue four day week	Link	-
23/04/2024	Cambridge Network online	New report into four-day week trial at South Cambridgeshire District Council	Link	-
23/02/2024	Cambridge Independent online	'What's the plan to tackle Cambridge's congestion now?' ask campaigners	Link	GCP
23/02/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Watch as demolition works resume at Darwin Green development in Cambridge	Link	-
23/02/2024	HR online	Four-day week continued by most trial participants	Link	-
23/02/2024	Local Government Lawyer online	District delays final decision on four-day week until Government sets out its plans to stop the practice	Link	-
23/02/2024	Facilities Management Journal online	Report sets out next steps following Council's four-day week trial, despite Government calls for the trial to end	Link	-
24/02/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	South Cambridgeshire pub extension plans refused due to impact on surrounding area	Link	-
24/02/2024	Cambridge Independent online	IWM Duxford opens Changing Places facility	Link	-
24/02/2024	VN Explorer online	Cambridgeshire villagers slam Greenway works as 'total waste of money'	Link	GCP
24/02/2024	Pipa News online	South Cambridgeshire pub extension plans refused due to impact on surrounding area PiPa News	Link	-
24/02/2024	Cambridge News print	Council remains defiant over four day week	P1 & 5	-
25/02/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Cambourne to Cambridge busway is 'inextricably linked' with delayed housing schemes	Link	-
27/02/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	MoD plans to power Bassingbourn Barracks with new solar farm	Link	-
27/04/2024	Local Government Lawyer	Oflog is "not independent and could be subject to political direction": LGA	Link	SCDC mention
27/04/2024	BNN Breaking Online	MoD Proposes Innovative Solar Farm at Bassingbourn Barracks to Combat Carbon Emissions	Link	-
27/04/2024	Local Government Chronicle online	MPs told of concerns over Oflog independence	Link	SCDC mention
27/04/2024	Planet Radio online	MoD sets out plans to power Bassingbourn Barracks with new solar farm	Link	-
27/04/2024	BBC Online	MoD submits Bassingbourn Barracks solar farm plans	Link	-
27/02/2024	Cambridge News print	Solar farm like taking 650 cars off the road	P5	-
27/02/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Ministry of Defence plans solar farm to meet 35% of energy demands from Bassingbourn Barracks	Link	-
27/02/2024	Star Radio online	Solar farm planned to power Bassingbourn Barracks	Link	-
27/02/2024	Planning Resource online	Shared Cambridgeshire planning service appoints lead of new major infrastructure team	Link	-
27/02/2024	Royston Crow	South Cambs: Full council agree tax increase	Link	-

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27/02/2024	Cambridge Network online	District Council helps bring lifesaving defibrillators to the community	Link	-
28/02/2024	Cambridge Independent print	MoD proposes solar farm for barracks site	P12	-
28/02/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Four-day week trial proposed to continue despite concerns	P12	-
28/02/2024	Cambridge Independent print	City council overcharged its tenants rent for up to 20 years	P13	-
28/02/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Five defibrillators installed in South Cambs	P20	-

6. 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 22 February, Telegraph: [Rural mobile coverage](#)

A plan to tackle rural mobile coverage blackspots is falling behind schedule as costs soar, the National Audit Office has said.

Friday 23 February, Independent: [Ukrainian homelessness concerns](#)

The risk of homelessness among Ukrainians who fled to the UK to escape the war is likely to increase as more sponsorships end or break down, MPs have warned.

Sunday 25 February, BBC Breakfast: [Council finances](#)

Council across the country will be raising their council tax by the maximum 5%, with some councils, such as Birmingham, rising it even further after seeking Government permission.

Monday 26 February, Guardian: [Concern as more councils plans to turn off street lights](#)

The majority of councils across England and Wales have introduced measures to dim or cut street lights over the past 15 years, some saving millions of pounds a year.

Tuesday 27 February, Guardian: [MPs urged to protect domestic services](#)

Victims and survivors of domestic abuse will be placed at risk if support service are cut due to the councils funding crisis, ministers have been warned.

Tuesday 27 February, Sky: [Net zero to drive growth](#)

As the UK economy has stagnated in recent years, the value of green industries like renewables, eco-friendly heating and energy storage is growing and will help unlock further cash for the UK, according to economists at the Confederation of British Industry (CBI).

Tuesday 27 February, Times: [CMA report on housebuilding](#)

The competition regulator says that "significant intervention" is needed if Britain is to stand a chance of building itself out of the housing crisis.

Wednesday 28 February, Independent: [LGA warns of council funding pressures](#)

Despite recent emergency funding provided by the Government, the LGA has warned that frontline neighbourhood services will have to be reduced if further funding is not provided in the Spring Budget on March 6.

Wednesday 28 February, BBC News: [Arts, parks and leisure centres](#)

A survey from the LGIU has shown that more than half of councils are likely to be unable to balance their books over the next 5 years, with two-thirds proposing funding reductions to services.

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 ...



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. Community Chest Grants

Lead Cabinet Member for Resources agreed to accept the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Committee.

This decision was first published on 27 February and so the deadline for call-in is 5 March.

9. Response to government consultation on Awaab's Law

The Lead Cabinet Member for Housing agreed to provide a response to the consultation as laid out in Appendix A.

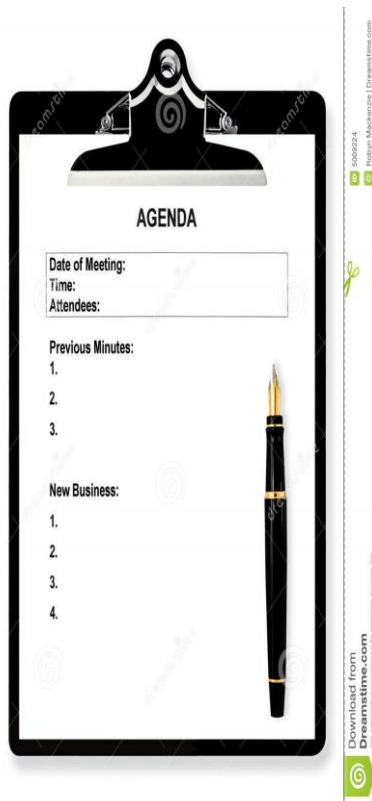
This decision was first published on 26 February and so the deadline for call-in is 4 March.

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

10. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



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[Employment & Staffing Committee 29 February](#)

Decisions

[Planning Committee 14 February](#)

[Response to Government consultation on Awaab's Law](#)

[Assets of Community Value](#)

[Ukraine Small Grant \(Visual art therapy\)](#)

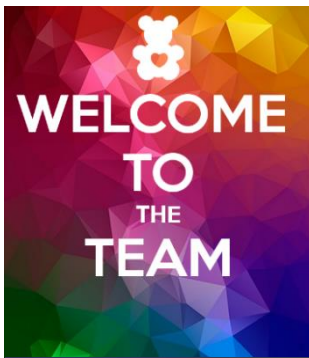
[Ukraine Small Grant \(textile workshop\)](#)

[Ukraine Small Grant \(art therapy\)](#)

[Ukraine Small Grant \(coffee shop sessions\)](#)

[Community Chest Grants](#)

11. **The Council's Starters and Leavers**



New Employees at the Council

Name: Trixie Baranowska
Job title: Lands Officer
Date started: 26 February 2024

Staff who have moved jobs

Name: Josh Milton
New Job: Housing Advice & Homelessness
Officer
Date started: 26 February 2024



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Agenda Item 2

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service Service Improvements

Dear Councillors

As some of you may be aware, we are currently consulting on a proposal that was presented to the Fire Authority in December, that aims to increase the number of fire engines we have available at weekends in daytime hours. To achieve this, we are proposing to redistribute resources from Sutton, Manea and Kimbolton fire stations.

We would welcome an opportunity to share our proposals with you in a seminar at our Service Headquarters in Huntingdon on 06th March 2024 from 0900hrs until 1200hrs.

Currently we have 10 wholetime (full time) fire engines available during the day Monday to Friday but this drops to 8 at weekends as Ely and St Neots revert to on-call crewed so their availability is not always guaranteed.

Sutton, Manea and Kimbolton are lower risk areas where we struggle to have the fire engine available in daytime hours and where there are a lower number of 999 calls. Moving these resources will enable us to crew Ely and St Neots fire engines at weekends in the day, providing us with two additional fire engines to better meet demand.

The paper attached sets out this proposal in slightly more detail and explains some more benefits of moving this resource to improve the countywide service we provide to the public.

We would like the opportunity to speak with you all too about these plans, explain how the on-call system works and some of the issues and challenges we are facing that have led us to proposing this change. So, although your area may not be directly affected by this proposal, every district either has on-call fire stations or, as in the case of Cambridge City, it is impacted because fire engines are being sent out of the city to attend incidents as the local on-call fire engine is not available.

I am also more than happy to speak to you on an individual basis should you have questions or thoughts before this seminar.

Please note we are currently engaging and consulting with parish and town councils who have asked for us to attend their meetings to explain our proposals in more detail.

If you could please let Caz Lee (caz.lee@cambsfire.gov.uk) know directly if you wish to attend the seminar so we can plan accordingly.

I look forward to hopefully seeing many of you at the seminar.

Many thanks
Stuart Smith

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Agenda Item 3



Online Volunteer Fair

Tuesday 5th March 12:30 to 2pm

**Come along to hear about how you can make
a difference volunteering with local charities**

Come for a few minutes or stay for the whole session

www.cambridgecvs.org.uk



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