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COMMITTEE MEETINGS FROM:							
		2 May to 6 May 2005		Contact			
Mon 2 May	Bank Holiday – Council Offices Closed						
Tue 3 May	10 am	Site Visits – RESCHEDULED for Wednesday 11 May 2005		Elaine Sargent			
	2 pm	Housing Portfolio Holder	Monkfield Room	Ian Senior			
Wed 4 May	10 am	Development and Conservation Control Committee – RESCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY 13 MAY 2005 AT 9.30 AM					
Thu 5 May	ELECTIONS						
Fri 6 May							

2004/05 EXPENSE CLAIM DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY

The deadline for all 2004/05 expense claims is this Friday. Under the current Members' Allowance Scheme, expenses will be paid for the current Council year only and all expense claims for that time must be received within one month of the year-end: by **30 April 2005 (a Saturday, so please submit all claims by Friday 29 April 2005)**. Any expense claims for the 2004/05 municipal year received after 30 April 2005 will not be paid. Expense claims received by 29 April 2005 will be paid at the end of May.

Expense claim forms are available in the Members' Lounge or can be downloaded from the Members' Information section of the Intranet. Please remember to sign and date your expense claim and to print clearly your name and address at the top.

STOP SMOKING FOR THE SUMMER

If you're a smoker, or a part time social puffer - put this date in your diary.

12pm, Wednesday 22 June, Swansley Room

You're invited to an informal information session about The Quit Programme - a South Cambs funded stop smoking initiative. It coincides with the introduction of the Council's new smoke free policy available on the intranet.

Find out:

- why smoking is addictive
- benefits of quitting vs smoking
- about nicotine replacement therapies
- how you can join this free Quit Programme

Speakers Karen Burgess and Sian Dance from OASIS - Stop Smoking Clinic, will provide lots of supporting evidence on how the programme has worked for others and can answer questions on direct experience.

The seminar is aimed at smokers - but if you'd like to find out general information on behalf of a friend you're more than welcome to attend.

To book your place contact Reception on (01954) 713002 or (01954) 713003, reception@scambs.gov.uk

CALL IN ARRANGEMENTS

The Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee or any five other Councillors may call in any executive decision recorded in this bulletin for review. The Democratic Services Manager must be notified of any call in by **Thursday 5 May 2005** at **5 pm**. All decisions not called in by this date may be implemented on **Friday 6 May 2005**.

Any member considering calling in a decision made by Cabinet is requested to contact the Democratic Services Section to determine whether any relevant amendments have been incorporated.

The call in procedure is set out in full in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, 'Scrutiny and Overview Committee Procedure Rules', paragraph 12.

Subject	Decision	Reasons
Partnership Programme of County Wildlife Site Surveys	To support the work of the Wildlife Trust and establish a prioritised one-year pilot study of County Wildlife Sites from 2005/6, funded from the Heritage Initiative Fund, with results reported to the Conservation Advisory Group before February 2006.	 Meets with all four of the Corporate Objectives. Creating access to appropriately managed wildlife space is a key action of the Community Strategy (Action 22) and is one of the Council's Performance Indicators (SP901). Funding of £2,500 is available within the existing Conservation budget (Heritage Initiative Funds) for an initial one-year pilot survey.
Foxton Dovecote Meadow Village Green Space	To authorise the adoption of the Foxton Dovecote Meadow Management Plan: November 2004 as the basis for the development of the Foxton Village Green Space, and To authorise the release of funding of up to £5,000 from the Heritage Initiative Fund to Foxton Parish Council to support the implementation of the Management Plan, on completion of the lease of the site to Foxton Parish Council.	 Meets with all four of the Corporate Objectives. Contributes to the Conservation service delivery and addresses adopted Performance Indicator SP901. Will help deliver the implementation of Community Strategy milestone actions (Action no. 22).
Coton Countryside Reserve Tree Planting	To confirm the decision made on 15 September 2004 at the Conservation Advisory Group to support the planting at Coton Countryside Reserve.	To support the establishment of the areas for public open space and biodiversity.
Traffic Calming – its impact on the historic environment	To initiate discussions with the County Council, English Heritage and SCDC officers to explore alternative, more visually sensitive options for traffic calming with the aim of undertaking an exemplar design for traffic calming in one of South Cambs' rural villages.	To improve the quality of life in historic rural villages.

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Conservation Area Appraisals	 To accept the structure and draft Conservation Area Appraisals as presented to the Conservation Advisory Group at their meeting on 9 March 2005. To authorise the undertaking of a consultation exercise on the basis of the approved drafts. 	 The draft met the requirements set out for it and the adoption of the Conservation Area Appraisals will assist in delivery of the Council's objectives. Prior to formal adoption of the Appraisals it is necessary to undertake a consultation exercise and to consider relevant amendments required based on the consultation.
Haslingfield Bakehouse Project	To support the Project and authorise a grant offer to be made to the Haslingfield Village Society from the existing Heritage Initiative Fund budget, to complete the funding package, up to £8,000. Grant offer subject to: availability of resources, confirmation of matching funding from the Local Heritage Initiative and the granting of planning consent for the relocation of the buildings.	 The Project will make a significant contribution to the preservation of a component of the district's heritage. The grant of £8,000 will complete the funding gap and ensure early commencement of the project. Funding is available within the Heritage Initiatives Fund to support this project.