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Cambridgeshire
District Council**

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FROM:
30 May to 3 June 2005**

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Mon 30 May	Bank Holiday – Council Offices Closed			
Tue 31 May	10 am	Site Visits		Janice Fisher
	12 pm	Lunchtime Seminar: Housing Options (see below)	Swansley Room	Reception
Wed 1 Jun	10 am	Development and Conservation Control Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 2 Jun	2 pm	Housing for Older People Advisory Group	Swansley Room	Democratic Services
Fri 3 Jun				

LUNCHTIME SEMINAR: HOUSING OPTIONS APPRAISAL OUTCOME

Tuesday 31 May, 12 pm Swansley Room

One of the biggest decisions the Council will be making this year is its future as a landlord. Hear more about the outcome of the Council's housing options appraisal as Councillors prepare to make a decision.

Speaker: Steve Hampson, Director of Housing and Environmental Services

To ensure adequate parking and catering arrangements are made, please confirm your attendance with Reception (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 2 June 2005 at 5 pm**. All decisions not called in by this date may be implemented on **Friday 3 June 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.

DECISIONS MADE BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Subject	Decision	Reasons
Village Sports Facility Grant: Barton Parish Council	To award a grant of £11,105 to Barton Parish Council to resurface tennis courts on Barton recreation ground. (VSF02/06)	The improvements will enable Barton Tennis Club to develop its programme of activities and increase the number of members.
Village Sports Facility Grant: West Wrattling Parish Council	To award a grant of £42,225 to West Wrattling Parish Council to construct a sports pavilion on West Wrattling playing fields. (VSF03/06)	The pavilion will provide a meeting place and focal point for the community.
Community Facility Grant: Horningsea Residents Association	To award a grant of £9,996 to Horningsea Residents Association to refurbish the play area (CF05/06)	The play area will benefit future generations. The project has been able to proceed due to the large amount of funding from the waste recycling agency Donarbon. The applicant found out about grants from Donarbon at the Funding

		Fair which was organised by the Community Development Section.
Community Facility Grant: Weston Colville Parish Council	To award an additional grant of £1,000 to Weston Colville Parish Council to make improvements to the play area. This will increase the total grant to £8,725. (CF06/06)	The additional grant will ensure the project can be completed.

DECISION MADE BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Subject	Decision	Reasons
Purchase of three new flail mowers for the Awarded Watercourses Service	To use Framework Contract for the purchase of three new Bomford flail mowers at a total cost of £78,000 (£26,000 each).	New mowers are a vital aspect of the awarded watercourse service. The use of the Framework Contract for procurement will provide saving in time and admin costs and will offer the most competitive quotes.

DECISIONS MADE BY THE HOUSING PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Applicant	Decision
Tenant (Reference W/05/022)	Agreed a transfer to a two bedroom bungalow from a three bedroom house
Mr & Mrs T (Reference W/05/023)	Agreed a transfer to alternative accommodation for medical reasons

DECISION MADE BY THE INFORMATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Subject	Decision	Reasons
Cost of Members' refreshments	To set a limit of £3.50 per person for lunches provided by the Council for councillors, unless there is a special reason for exceeding that sum.	To reduce the cost to the Council of refreshments for councillors.

DECISION MADE BY THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Subject	Decision	Reasons
Consultation on Proposed 60mph Speed Limit on A14 Huntingdon to Cambridge	To submit letter of comment in support to the Highways Agency as the Council's response to the proposed introduction of a 60 mph limit on the A14, subject to the need to extend the proposal eastwards to include the Milton A10/A14 Interchange, measures to ensure adequate enforcement and the need to consider other measures as set out in the recommendation.	To improve road safety and air quality.

DECISIONS MADE BY THE RESOURCES AND STAFFING PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Subject	Decision	Reasons
Fuel reimbursement for Contract Hire users	The Portfolio Holder agrees the continuation of the mileage rate for Contract Hire users of 12.2p per mile from 1 April 2005 and that the assumed average miles is increased to 40 miles per gallon in line with modern car performance with effect from 1 April 2006.	
Bullying and Harassment Policy and Procedure	To adopt the new policy and procedure and to support the appropriate training for all employees, with compulsory training for Managers as well as Members who may be involved in disciplinary appeals.	
Request for relief from non-domestic rates on the grounds of hardship	To refuse the request for relief	<p>2004/05 financial year No evidence to show business has suffered hardship. Unlikely the award of relief would have a measurable impact on financial viability of the business. No evidence that the relief will be of benefit to Council Taxpayers, even those living in the immediate locality.</p> <p>2005/06 financial year No evidence to show business is likely to suffer hardship in 2005/06.</p>

DECISIONS MADE BY OFFICERS AND REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

Conservation Manager

Applicant	Decision and Reasons
Forward Gamlingay!, Gamlingay	Awarded a Wildlife Enhancement Scheme Grant of £176.25 to assist with the collation of ecological data to guide future land use of presently unused arable land and a river bank.

Arts Development Officer

Applicant	Decision and Reasons
Curwen Print Study Centre	Awarded Arts Guarantee Against Loss Grant (AGAL01/06) of £252 for the Print-making Summer School where 15 young people between the ages of 7 and 13 will attend each session. All studio equipment and materials will be provided by Curwen and the young people will be able to take prints home at the end of each session.

Linton Arts Forum, Linton	Awarded Arts Guarantee Against Loss Grant (AGAL02/06) of £500 towards bringing the touring theatre 'Eastern Angles' with their performance of 'Beyond the Breakers' to Linton for an estimated audience of 100.
Orwell Players, Orwell	Awarded Arts Guarantee Against Loss Grant (AGAL03/06) of £500 to support a production of 'Charley's Aunt' by Brandon Thomas. Approximately 400 local people will benefit from the project including audience, cast and production team. The production aims to engage wider participation than previous work.
Cambridge WordFest	Awarded Arts Project Grant Aid (AP04/06) of £500 to support the annual WordFest literary festival, where over 70 authors will be supporting 41 events, offering access to wide range of literary activity to a broad section of the population of Cambridgeshire.
XL	Awarded Arts Project Grant Aid (AP05/06) of £750 towards the cost of bringing in a professional illustrator to work with young people on various aspects of the project to develop a road safety awareness CD. This will equip the young people with new skills in arts and design and building confidence throughout the process. The grant will also contribute to the cost of sound engineering facilities.