



# **SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN – ISSUE DATE 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2003**

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS**

<b><u>COMMITTEE MEETINGS</u></b>			
<b>FROM 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2003</b>			
 <b>WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2003</b>	<b>AT 10AM</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT CONSERVATION &amp; CONTROL COMMITTEE</b> (Contact Officer Ian Senior)	 <b>COUNCIL CHAMBER</b>
<b>FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2003</b>	<b>AT 9:30AM</b>	<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b> (Contact Officer Ian Senior)	<b>ROOM 317</b>

### **Invitation for Membership of the Housing Development Best Value Review**

2-3 Councillors are required for the Housing Development Best Value Review, which will commence early February 2003.

The review will examine:

- The provision of affordable and key worker housing.
- Housing to meet special needs.
- The role of the Home Improvement Agency.
- The Housing Related Activities of Environmental Health.
- Relevant planning policy.

At the recent meeting of the Scrutiny Panel Councillors NN Cathcart and EL Monks volunteered for membership of the review. If you wish to add your name to the list or would like further information please contact Ian Salter on (01223) 443018 or e-mail on [ian.salter@scams.gov.uk](mailto:ian.salter@scams.gov.uk)

## DECISIONS MADE BY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

### Decisions Made By Portfolio Holder For Planning and Economic Development (Reported for Information)

Subject	Decision	Reason
<p><b>Cambridge City Council consultation:</b> Cycle and Car Parking Standards</p>	<p>Make the following representation to Cambridge City Council:</p> <p>Whilst guidance contained in Planning Policy Guidance note 13: Transport allows for more stringent car parking standards to be applied in areas where there is better public transport access and access by a choice of mode, it is also important that there is not too wide a gap between the standards adopted by neighbouring local authorities. Therefore, it is important that, as neighbouring districts, the parking standards proposed by Cambridge City Council are in general conformity with those adopted by South Cambridgeshire. This is particularly pertinent for locations on the edge of Cambridge which have been identified in the new Structure Plan and which cover both Districts, whereby differing standards may apply to the one development site.</p> <p>The cycle parking standards are fully supported.</p> <p>The car parking standards proposed for residential development are in conformity with national planning guidance and are supported.</p> <p>However, with regards my general point above, there are some areas of concern where there would be too large a gap between the approaches of the two districts. Of particular note is the standards proposed for food retail. Such facilities are used by people from a wider catchment area than city residents, including by residents of surrounding villages in the South Cambridgeshire district. Many of these shoppers will travel by car and if parking standards are set too stringently, there will not be enough parking provided to meet their needs. This would be to the disadvantage of South Cambridgeshire's residents, but could easily cause real problems for adjoining areas through "overflow" parking.</p> <p>It is not clear from the consultation document what "on merit" means when determining car parking standards for various uses, such as hospitals. This is vague and there is no explanation in the text to suggest what approach will be adopted for such proposals. Some explanatory text might help guide users of the parking standards in such situations.</p>	<p>To ensure the needs of South Cambridgeshire residents are considered.</p>

## Decisions Made By Portfolio Holder For Housing

Subject	Decision	Reason
Housing Allocation Appeals and Management Transfers	Ref E/03/003 Agree Management Transfer Request	The household need to move to a sheltered bungalow to retain their independence
	Ref E/03/001 Agree transfer for medical reasons	The household require a move due to medical circumstances into a sheltered bungalow
	Ref E/02/013 Agree additional points on special needs grounds	The household require additional points in order to receive an offer of accommodation in one of their chosen villages
	Ref S/02/015 Award Mrs G a management transfer for medical reasons	Mrs B requires accommodation in another village following serious medical problems
	Ref E/03/003 Agree management transfer to provide more suitable accommodation for this household	The transfer would enable the family to be united in one property

## Decisions taken at the Housing Portfolio Holder's Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2003

Subject	Decision
Request for additional home loss payments	Approved a one-off additional home loss payment to each tenant experiencing additional rent and Council Tax payments as a result of moving to temporary accommodation to facilitate redevelopment of their homes as follows: Great Abington (2 properties) £330 + £175 Linton (1 property) £570
Sale of Council land to rear of 1B Chapel Road, Weston Green ( <b>Weston Colville</b> )	Resolved not to approve the sale of Council land (shown on the plan attached to the agenda) to the owners of 1B Chapel Road. Reasons: (1) to retain as part of car park (2) to retain turning area in car park (3) sale might set a precedent in the area
Sale of Council land adjacent to 30 Hereward Close, <b>Impington</b>	Resolved, subject to valuation and with covenants restricting use to garden land only and allowing the Council to receive a specified percentage of any profits from any future development of the land, to approve sale of the land shown on the plan attached to the agenda to the owner of 30 Hereward Close. Reasons: (1) small capital receipt for the Council (2) will improve the appearance of the land (3) will relieve the Council of its maintenance liability.
Application for vehicular right of way to rear of Churchfield Avenue, <b>Sawston</b> from Chapelfield Way	Deferred for a site visit.
Application for sale or lease of Council land of Rushbrook Close to the	Resolved that, subject to the applicant tidying up the land first and continuing to maintain it and allow others to obtain access, the applicant be granted a licence to park his vintage tractors on

rear of 35 High Street, <b>Longstowe</b>	the land when required.
Grant request from Cambridgeshire ACRE	Further to the Portfolio Holder meeting on 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2002, approved a grant of £1,000 to Cambridgeshire ACRE for the year 2003-2004, with funding for each of the following two years to be considered annually when the service of ACRE's Rural Housing Enabler should be reviewed to monitor its continued value for money.
Planned Maintenance Budget 2003-2004	Agreed the proposed budget as outlined below.

Actuals 2001/02 £	<b>PROPOSED PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME</b>	Estimate 2002/03 £	Revised 2002/03 £	Estimate 2003/04 £
	<b>Planned Maintenance &amp; Specialist Projects</b>			
32,017	Internal Paintwork	40,000	35,000	40,000
10,100	Enveloping	0	0	0
669,203	Cyclical Works	450,000	425,000	400,000
42,496	Rewiring	50,000	50,000	300,000
612,104	Heating Service Contracts	450,000	685,000	650,000
0	Electric Service Checks	0	0	30,000
441,224	Heating New & Replacement	500,000	650,000	800,000
122,200	Insulation	140,000	140,000	140,000
522,778	Improvements to Non-traditional Houses	500,000	500,000	500,000
2,228	Installation of Door Entry Systems	35,000	10,000	10,000
24,159	Security	30,000	30,000	40,000
0	Fire Safety	0	0	35,000
0	External Safety Measures	0	5,000	45,000
25,896	Estate Roads and Lighting	45,000	45,000	45,000
0	Road Adoption Scheme	40,000	0	40,000
74,240	Parking Facilities	100,000	100,000	100,000
5,024	Overhead Cables	20,000	2,000	5,000
721,640	UPVC Windows and Doors	300,000	270,000	200,000
285,040	Re-roofing	300,000	300,000	300,000
2,196,551	Full Refurbishment	3,000,000	2,850,000	2,300,000
119,293	Asbestos Investigation & Removal	200,000	190,000	200,000
21,187	New Foundations etc	50,000	30,000	30,000
<b>5,927,380</b>	<b>Total Planned Maintenance &amp; Specialist Projects</b>	<b>6,250,000</b>	<b>6,317,000</b>	<b>6,210,000</b>

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Call-in Arrangements**

The Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee or any five other Councillors may call in any executive decision recorded in this bulletin for review. The Committee Manager must be notified of any call in by **5pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2003**. All decisions not called in by this date may be implemented on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2003.

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