



**SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS**

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<b>FROM 8<sup>TH</sup> TO 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2003</b>		
<b>NO MEETINGS</b>		

### **Meetings Postponed from this Week**

<b>Meeting Name</b>	<b>Cancelled Date</b>	<b>New Date</b>
Cabinet	11 <sup>th</sup> September	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2003
Conservation Advisory Group	10 <sup>th</sup> September	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2003

### **Youthoria Website Launch**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, the start of Local Democracy Week, will see the launch of Youthoria South Cambs, a 'virtual hangout' for 13-19 year-olds. This site has already been established for the fenland area and provides fun and games as well as information on youth culture, health, jobs and education. It also has a resident agony aunt, and is proving an excellent tool for young people to have their say on their area.

Community Development are working with Youthoria to ensure that the South Cambridgeshire area of the website is relevant and useful to young people in the District. We believe it has great potential for consultation with young people, and we'll be aiming to allow them to give their views to Council staff and Councillors through the site.

To mark the expansion of Youthoria (which will eventually cover the whole of Cambridgeshire) the Community Development Team are organising a launch event from 6 – 8 pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October at South Cambs Hall. We will also be running a consultation activity on the evening to show how the site can be used by the District Council to interact with young people and will be inviting young people, youth workers and District Councillors to participate.

Refreshments will be provided and this will be a good chance for Councillors and young people to meet on an informal basis.

For more information, please contact Susannah Harris, Community Development Worker at [Susannah.Harris@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Susannah.Harris@scambs.gov.uk) or 01223 724155, or Geoff Hinkins, Community Projects Officer, on [Geoff.Hinkins@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Geoff.Hinkins@scambs.gov.uk) or 01223 724154.

### **Debating Competition for Young People 2003/04**

Many of you will remember the success of last year's Debating Competition for Young People. Youth clubs and schools from around the district put forward teams of young people to discuss topics relating to Democracy. The team from Comberton Village College won the contest, with each team member receiving £100, and £750 going to their college.

The Community Development Team are working hard to make sure that this year's debating competition will be just as popular! We will again be contacting schools and youth clubs and asking them to put forward teams of three people for debates. The first rounds will be held in schools or youth clubs, with the semi-finals and finals taking place at South Cambridgeshire Hall.

This year's competition is not directly related to Democracy Week, so a wide range of topics will be discussed in the early rounds, but topics in the semi-finals and finals will still be linked to democracy. Councillors are invited to submit topics for all rounds.

Participants in last year's competition gained a wide range of new skills and abilities. We intend to add to these this year by offering training to participants in public speaking and debating skills. Contestants will each be given marks for their Content, Delivery, Background research and Strength of argument. We shall be inviting Councillors to repeat their involvement of last year and we are looking for three volunteers to act as judges for the later stages of the competition.

All Councillors will again be very welcome at the semi-finals and finals, which are to be held at South Cambs Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> January and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2004.

For more information on the Debating Competition, please contact Susannah Harris, Community Development Worker at [Susannah.Harris@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Susannah.Harris@scambs.gov.uk) or 01223 724155, or Geoff Hinkins, Community Projects Officer, on [Geoff.Hinkins@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Geoff.Hinkins@scambs.gov.uk) or 01223 724154.

### **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 **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2003 at 5pm**. All decisions not called in by this date may be implemented on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2003**.

*Any member considering calling in a decision made by Cabinet is requested to contact the Committee 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 Committee Procedure Rules', paragraph 12.

## **OFFICER DECISIONS REPORTED FOR INFORMATION**

### **Grant Agreed by Community Development Partnerships Manager**

Applicant	Decision	Reason
Mc Splash Swimming Pool	To award a Sports Development Grant of £585 to introduce swimming classes / coaching for children aged 5 – 16 years with special needs at Mc Splash Swimming Pool, Melbourn.	To offer specialist-swimming coaching for children with special needs who currently have limited access to lessons and / or swimming opportunities.