



**SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FROM 22 nd March 2004 to 26 th March 2004			
MONDAY 22 nd March 2004			
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THURSDAY 25 th March 2004	9.30 am	Special Meeting of Cabinet (Guided Bus)	Council Chamber
	12pm	Lunchtime Seminar ICT Decoded	Council Chamber
	2pm	Special Meeting of Cabinet (Travellers)	Council Chamber
FRIDAY 26 th March 2004			

WASTE RECYCLING GROUP –VILLAGE & COMMUNITY HALL CHALLENGE

Wren manages the Landfill Tax Credits made available by Waste Recycling Group Ltd and has launched the above challenge, where two communities could receive up to £250,000 towards the cost of a new village/community hall. Wren instigated this Challenge as they feel halls are a vital part of any community and there is a dearth of funding to support new halls or carry out improvements to existing facilities. In addition to the two grants of £250,000 Wren are making sufficient funds available to be able to consider offering six grants of up to £50,000 to each applicant who goes through to the final stage of judging. Wren also has approximately £8 million a year available to distribute to a variety of eligible community, heritage and conservation projects situated in its operating areas. All projects are assessed by a panel of local experts for their suitability, sustainability and community benefit.

For more information on eligibility criteria, please contact Wren:

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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 Democratic Services Manager must be notified of any call in by **Wednesday 24th March 2004 at 5pm**. All decisions not called in by this date may be implemented on **Thursday 25th March 2004**.

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 Committee Procedure Rules', paragraph 12.

DECISIONS MADE BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Subject	Action Taken
Arts Partnership Grants 04/05	
To enable them to support volunteer village promoters in organising and subsidising a programme of professional theatre, music and dance throughout the district.	Agree to award a grant of £5,000 to Arts in Cambs on Tour. (APG01)
To cover the costs of working with an increasing number of villages and offer support to Sawston's film programme	Agree to award a grant of £7,000 to the Cambridge Film Consortium. (APG02)
Towards the cost of developing the planned work with people with disabilities, sensory impairments or mental illness.	Agree to award a grant of £7,500 to Cross Border Arts. (APG03)
To support increased activity in the district.	Agree to award a grant of £2,000 to Cambridge Open Studios. (APG04)
To enable the organisation to develop their programme of visual arts, workshops and artist residencies in Cambourne.	Agree to award a grant of £16,000 to Wysing Arts. (APG05)
Towards the cost of dance development work in South Cambridgeshire.	Agree to award a grant of £5,000 to Cambs Dance. (APG06)
The capacity of the organisation is not sufficient to deliver the community development policy objectives.	Decline support for Kettles Yard

DECISIONS MADE BY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Subject	Action Taken
<u>Building Regulation Charges</u> To ensure the Authority meets its self financing building regulation obligation	Agree to approve the scheme of charges for building regulation applications commencing 1 st April 2004

DECISION MADE BY HOUSING PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Subject	Action Taken
Sale of land rear of 38 Water Lane, Melbourn	The Housing Portfolio Holder agreed to defer a decision on the sale of this land for three months so investigation could take place with Council tenants whose gardens bordered the plot. Further investigation would inform a decision as to whether the land was suitable for redevelopment or that a lease or sale of the land to the owners of

	38 Water Lane could proceed.
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DECISIONS MADE BY OFFICERS

Subject	Action Taken
<p><u>Conservation Manager</u> Environmental Citizenship Group at Impington Village College</p>	<p>Approval of a grant award totaling £127.40 to the Environmental Citizenship Group at Impington Village College from the Wildlife Enhancement Scheme. The award represents approximately 46% funding towards restoration of wildlife pond and surrounding habitats</p>
<p><u>Conservation Manager & Trees & Landscapes Officer</u> To meet the cost of providing two Betula Ermanii (Silver Birch var.), and one Carpinus Betulus Fastigiata (Hornbeam var.). All three trees being of 16-18 cm stock in 150 lt containers, transporting to site and planting and staking as necessary. The play area is owned and maintained by this Authority. The trees will enhance the area and ensure a continuation of tree cover.</p>	<p>Agree to meet the cost of £470+VAT of providing and planting three trees adjacent to the play area at Benny's Way, Coton.</p>