



SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN – ISSUE DATE 18th JULY 2001

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Minutes

Please note that minutes reproduced on this bulletin have not yet been approved as a correct record by the originating body.

Call in arrangements

Any executive decision recorded in this bulletin may be called in for review by the relevant Select Committee, either by the Chairman of that Select Committee or by any five other Councillors. The Committee Manager must be notified of any call in by **25th July 2001**. All decisions not called in by this date will be implemented.

Portfolio	Housing
Subject Matter	Housing allocation appeals and management transfers
Date	12th July 2001
Place	
Time	
Present	Councillor Mrs EM Hezell Chief Officer: David Ellis Other Officer(s)
Declaration(s) of Interest <i>Record below any relevant interest declared by any executive Member consulted or by an officer present in relation to the decision</i>	
None	
Dispensation(s) <i>In respect of any conflict(s) of interest declared above, record below any</i>	

<i>dispensation(s) granted by the Council's Standards Committee.</i>	
None	
Consultation <i>Record below all parties consulted in relation to the decision</i>	
None	
Final decisions	Reason(s)
To:	
(1) award discretionary points to aid the management transfer of Ms X of Histon	to assist the tenant who has special needs to move to a vacant suitable bungalow in Bassingbourn .
(2) offer Mr & Mrs Y of Cambridge a management transfer	in recognition of the family's personal circumstances, to assist them in being nominated for a forthcoming vacancy in Comberton .
(3) offer Mr Z of Histon a management transfer	in recognition of the family's circumstances, to assist them in being allocated a suitable vacancy in Impington .

INFORMATION ITEMS – ISSUE DATE 18th JULY 2001

1. TOURISM

The Tourist Information Office is to survey bed and breakfast businesses to assess the effect of tourism on the economy of the District and in particular to find out what effect the foot and mouth disease restrictions have had. The Council is making a small contribution, of £250, towards this survey, which will feed into the Council's economic development strategy.

Contact officer: Clare Roberts, Cambridge Tourist Information Centre (01223) 457572

Officers at the District Council will be working with Clare to provide links from this Council's web site to the information available about accommodation and attractions.

Contact officer: Alison Sawalhi, Librarian (01223) 443175

2. COMPUTER FACILITIES FOR MEMBERS

Various technical alternatives for the provision of better ICT facilities for Members have been looked at by officers and a report will be presented to the next meeting of the Personnel, Resources and Communications Select Committee for discussion before proposals are put to the Cabinet.

Contact officer: Paul Barnes, Special Projects Manager (IT) (01223) 443000 (at present no direct line available from outside)

3. WE'RE NUMBER ONE! – COLLECTION OF COUNCIL TAX

According to recently published government figures, South Cambridgeshire District Council are top of the national league for the collection of Council Tax, with an impressive collection rate of 99.7%.

Contact officer: Paul Smith, Assistant Director (Revenues) (01223) 443110

4. FOOT AND MOUTH RATE RELIEF

The Government has extended the Foot and Mouth Hardship Relief Grant scheme by a further six months, to 31st December 2001. In addition to this, where the cost of the hardship relief is more than 8% of a Council's annual budget, the Government will increase the grant so that Councils pay only 2% of the relief granted above that threshold.

This does not directly affect South Cambridgeshire District Council. However, if you would like further information please contact David Maddison on 0207 664 3222 or John Blundell on 0207 664 3291.

5. COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED

Members are asked to note that the following community grants have been awarded by officers under delegated powers:

Arts project grant aid

Applicant	Purpose	Award
Fen Edge Community Association	Programme of arts events in Cottenham, Landbeach, Rampton, Waterbeach and Willingham	£1,000
St Peter's Junior Church, Papworth Everard	Contribution towards a summer programme of circus skills workshops for disabled and able bodied young people	£200
Philip Biggs Brass Bands	Provision of specialist workshops for players of brass instruments plus an evening recital	£ 1,400
Cambridge Down's Syndrome Group	Contribution towards a course of workshops for up to 12 people with Down's Syndrome	£ 1,000

Arts guarantee against loss

Applicant	Purpose	Limit
Music and Arts at St Andrews, Histon	Concert by Carnival Band	£705

Contact officer: Andy O'Hanlon, Arts Development Officer (01223) 724143