



SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN – ISSUE DATE 17 OCTOBER
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 - Canvassers' fees – register of electors. Minutes from a meeting 16th October.
The Portfolio Holder for Information and Customer Services agreed to the recommendation that canvassers' fees for the preparation of the Register of Electors be increased by 3.5 per cent with immediate effect in line with the National Pay Award introduced on 1st July 2001.

2. Information Items

1. Diary Date: Members' Training Seminar on the Human Rights Act
The Head of Legal Services, Chris Taylor, will convene a half-day training seminar for members on the Human Rights Act on Monday 26 November between 9.00am and 12.30pm. Further details will be circulated closer to the date.
2. New Local Government International Bureau (LGIB) website launched
The new LGIB website was launched in the European Parliament Building in Brussels on 18 September 2001. The site now provides a more comprehensive and accessible information service on European and international issues relating to local government. It includes new features such as a news section, as well as sections on European and international policy, outside bodies such as the EU's Committee of the Regions, on-line discussion and on-line ordering of publications and registering for LGIB seminars.

The European Information Service, which contains information on European funding and legislation applicable to UK local authorities, is an integral part of the website.

The site is located at: www.lgib.gov.uk

3. Additional meeting – Personnel, Resources and Communications
 - An additional meeting of this group is scheduled for 2.00pm on Tuesday 20 November in the Council Chamber.

4. Strategic Review – Commercial Department and Depot Facilities
The Personnel, Resources and Communications Committee has agreed to undertake a strategic review of the options available for the Commercial Department and Depot Facilities and is asking the Co-ordinating Group for an allocation of funds to employ consultants.
5. A two-day pilot Induction Programme for all new staff is being held on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 October. The Programme is also open to Members.
The first day will be held at the South Cambridgeshire Hall from 8.30am - 4.30pm, with lunch provided. The day will enable participants to meet other people and learn about the Council and the South Cambridgeshire region.

The second day is a trip to the EcoTech centre at Swaffham, followed by a visit to Milton Country Park and returning to the Hills Road office at around 4.30pm.

Members wishing to attend either or both days should inform Charlotte Mills, HR Officer, by telephone (01223 443 299) or email charlotte.mills@scambs.gov.uk by Tuesday 23 October as places are limited.

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 October 2001** . All decisions not called in by this date will be implemented.

The call in procedure is set out in full in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, 'Select Committee Procedure Rules', paragraph 16.

Portfolio	Community Development
Subject Matter	Village Facility
Date	12.10.01
Place	Station Road
Time	9.30am
Present	Councillor: Deborah Roberts Chief Officer: Community Partnerships Manager Other Officer(s): Jane Thompson

Consultation

Record below all parties consulted in relation to the decision

- VF11 Cllr L.J Wilson fully supports the application.
VF12 Cllr. L. Kendrick supports the application.

Final decision	Reason(s)
<p>To award a Village Facility Grant</p> <p>VF11 £2,000 to Little Gransden Village Hall.</p> <p>VF12 £20,345 to Trustees of Barrington Village Hall.</p> <p>Increase of £1,100 to Heathfield Residents Association.</p> <p>Increase of £400 to Kingston Village Hall Management Committee.</p>	<p>Towards improvements to Little Gransden Village Hall.</p> <p>Towards improvements to Barrington Village Hall including resurfacing of car park.</p> <p>Increase in original grant towards play equipment at Heathfield at the request of Cllr J Quinlan, raising the total grant to £6,100.</p> <p>Increase in original grant towards the restoration of village hall windows at the request of Cllr Bryant, raising the total grant to £1,775.</p>