
SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

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Your Councillors are always ready to help. If you have any questions about these - or indeed any other - matters, please do not hesitate to contact Clare Delderfield cllr.delderfield@scambs.gov.uk or Brian Milnes cllr.milnes@scambs.gov.uk

CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS

To mark National Volunteers Week, Council leader Bridget Smith along with other councillors highlighted the amazing work of the thousands of volunteers across the district in their response to the COVID-19 crisis. It really is quite inspiring seeing how communities have pulled together in so many ways across all of our communities.

CORONAVIRUS BUSINESS ADVICE AND SUPPORT

(For most up to date information please go to <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/coronavirus-information-for-businesses/>)

GRANTS AND FUNDING

South Cambridgeshire District Council's **Discretionary Grants Scheme** is now open for applications.

Eligible businesses such as charities, market traders, B&Bs and those in shared offices or flexible workspaces are invited to apply as soon as possible for the new funding, and no later **than midnight on 22 June**.

The one-off payments under the Government's discretionary grants scheme range from £2,500 for small firms, £10,000 for charities and up to £10,000 for other businesses connected to the retail, hospitality and leisure industry. Firms that have already benefited from previous Government grants do not qualify.

Applications should be made online at:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/coronavirus-information-for-businesses/financial-support-for-business/discretionary-grant-funding/>

THE GOVERNMENT'S SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME SUPPORT SCHEME HAS BEEN EXTENDED.

Those eligible will be able to claim a second and final grant in August. The grant will be worth 70

percent of their average monthly trading profits, paid out in a single instalment covering three months' worth of profits, and capped at £6,570 in total.

If you're eligible and want to claim the first grant **you must claim on or before 13 July 2020**.

With funding limited, the overriding factor for grant determination will be the number of people employed. These businesses will be advised of any decisions after 22 June.

Among the qualifying criteria, businesses must have been trading on 11 March 2020, have a turnover of no more than £10.2m and employ less than 50 people.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SCHEME

CORONAVIRUS JOB RETENTION SCHEME

The Government has announced that from 1 July 2020, businesses will be given the flexibility to bring furloughed employees back to work part time. Individual firms will decide the hours and shift patterns their employees will work on their return, so that they can decide on the best approach for them - and will be responsible for paying their wages while in work.

ZERO CARBON STRATEGY

Our Zero Carbon Strategy was adopted by the Council on 21 May 2020. It outlines how we are supporting the district to halve carbon emissions by 2030 and reduce them to zero by 2050, including delivering a reduction in our own carbon footprint of at least 45% by 2025, (on a 2019 baseline), and at least 75% by 2030. Find out more at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/council-adopts-zero-carbon-strategy-for-south-cambridgeshire/>

NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD OF 1,200 HOMES SET TO BE DEVELOPED ON EASTERN EDGE OF CAMBRIDGE

A well-connected and sustainable new neighbourhood with up to 1,200 much needed new homes and community facilities is set to be created on the eastern edge of Cambridge in the coming years.

Outline planning permission for developing the 32 hectare site on land north of Cherry Hinton was granted by the Joint Development Control Committee including councillors from Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Once completed the new city area will include:

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- Up to 1,200 new homes, 40% of which will be affordable or designated specifically for retirement age residents
 - A local centre including a community hall and a food store
 - New primary and secondary schools

- Open spaces, recreational facilities and allotments
- A new spine road connecting Airport Way and Coldham's Lane
- Measures to secure a net gain in biodiversity and to mitigate the effects of climate change

The proposals for the site are in line with the requirements of the two councils' local plans from 2018.

THE NORTH EAST CAMBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN

The District and City Councils are preparing a new plan for development of the area west of the new Cambridge North Station, together with Cambridge Science Park

This has been enabled by a successful bid to the Government for a Housing Infrastructure Fund grant which allows Anglian Water to "move" the water treatment plant currently occupying the space.

Our plans explore how this area could be transformed into a pedestrian and cycle friendly district, creating the opportunity for thousands of new energy efficient homes and jobs, all supported by new community and leisure facilities, shops and green spaces.

Our vision: 'North East Cambridge will be a socially and economically inclusive, thriving, and low-carbon place for innovative living and working; inherently walkable where everything is on your doorstep.'

The **NORTH EAST CAMBRIDGE AREA ACTION PLAN** - has now been finalised and is being considered by both Councils. This identifies the key issues, challenges and opportunities facing the area and sets out the ways these will be responded to.

GREENING SOUTH CAMBS HALL

As part of being Green to our Core we're retrofitting our office to almost halve carbon emissions within a year.

Planning permission is now being sought for a ground source heat pump and solar carport.

Find out more at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/climate-change/greening-south-cambs-hall/>

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