

## South Cambridgeshire District Councillors' Report to Parish Councils February 2017

SCambs budget progressed through **Scrutiny & Overview** Committee to **Cabinet** whose members agreed to recommend it to full **Council** where it was approved. This included the recommendation that the council's own portion of council tax be increased by £5 per Band D property for 2017/18. Full details: Scrutiny: <http://bit.ly/2mBUozV>

Cabinet: <http://bit.ly/2mBUozV> Council: <http://bit.ly/2mBWHD1>

Members of the **Shadow Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority** approved the Local Assurance and Monitoring & Evaluation Frameworks when they met in February. The framework is designed to assure that public resources are allocated in accordance with the law and proper standards and in an efficient and effective way that delivers both the outcomes required and value for money. Full details: <http://bit.ly/2lnVH5l>

At his February meeting the **Health & Environmental Services PfH** agreed fees and charges for 2017/18 for the various licences for which the Council has responsibility. Many of these are set by statute. Of those that are discretionary, some have been increased to ensure recovery of costs and to maintain consistency with fees charged by neighbouring authorities. A new fee to allow for recovery of costs associated with the issuing of Improvement Notices has been introduced in line with the discretionary fees permitted under the Housing Act 2004. Improvement Notices are issued to householders for non compliance with a request to address a particular area of failure, eg: a landlord who has been advised in writing to repair a boiler within a certain timeframe and has failed to comply.

The PfH also received a report on the Council's "Active & Healthy 4 Life" exercise referral scheme. Despite funding changes in 2014 SCambs has continued the scheme at the nine centres where it was operating at that time. Performance is reviewed annually. Cottenham is one of the nine centres and, following several changes in management, will remain under review to give it the opportunity for improvement under its new manager. Full details: <http://bit.ly/2mBINR9>

Outside of this meeting the PfH also agreed grant funding for mobile warden schemes including the one in Cottenham.

### **Planning**

The Gladman application for 200 houses + 70 bed extra care facility was deferred to allow for the submission and consideration of a heritage statement to assess the impact of the proposal and any mitigation works upon heritage assets, particularly the alms houses at the junction of Rampton Road and Oakington Road. Other 5 year housing land supply applications which were approved: Balsham [33] and Gamlingay [up to 39].

Full details: <http://bit.ly/2lnMREz>

The long awaited white paper: “Fixing our Broken Housing Market” was published. You can access full details and respond to the consultation at: <http://bit.ly/2jY0o56>

**Cambridge North Station:** There is still time to comment on the cycling project for this area, one of five schemes that are proposed to boost and improve cycling in and around Cambridge. The deadline for responses is 10 March 2017.

Full details: [www.gccitydeal.co.uk/Cross-City-Cycling](http://www.gccitydeal.co.uk/Cross-City-Cycling).

A 6 week consultation on proposals for a new town north of Waterbeach opened on 27 February and closes at 17.00 on 10 April 2017. The consultation on the outline application has begun after plans for the homes and facilities were submitted by Urban & Civic – the developer of the former Ministry of Defence (MoD) land. The outline planning application proposes 6,500 homes as well as space for retail, office, research & development and light industrial uses, a secondary school and community facilities.

Visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/waterbeach](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/waterbeach) to view the planning application and have your say.

Consultation events are also taking place at St John’s Church Hall, Station Road, Waterbeach, CB25 9HL on Saturday 18 March [10.00-14.00];

Thursday 23 March [15.00-20.00] and Wednesday 29 March [15.00-20.00].

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