
Report: District Councillor Cllr Michael Atkins Sep 25

Highlights

- Climate action conference – 17th October
- Social housing achievements
- C2C Public Enquiry – from 16th September
- Contact information

News from the District

Service Support Grants

The next round of the Service Support Grant scheme launched on Monday 8th September. Just over £300,000 is available to voluntary and community groups providing services to South Cambs residents. Full details available here: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/grants-and-funding/service-support-grants-closed>

Climate Action Conference

The third annual Local Climate Action Conference is taking place on 17th October 12-5pm at Storey's Field Centre, Eddington. It is open to all parish councillors, charities and members of the public interested in tackling the climate emergency. Lunch and refreshments provided. Please RSVP through <https://forms.office.com/e/DKWNNDkxkF>

Community Safety Partnership Meeting

The Council and local police are running their next Community Safety Partnership meeting on 16th September. It is an opportunity to meet neighbourhood police officers, share concerns and help set priorities for the coming months. If you would like to join the meeting, send an email to communitymeeting@cambs.police.uk with "South Cambs" in the subject and they will send you a Teams invite.

Housing achievements

The Council is pleased to report that it has secured an £8m government grant to retrofit social housing in the district with energy efficient upgrades for 610 homes. In the past year, the Council has also delivered 58 new council homes for affordable rent, 10 for shared ownership and 11 for temporary accommodation.

News from GCP, Combined Authority & Gov't

Local Government Reorganisation

Work is ongoing to identify the future set up for Councils in Cambridgeshire. We can expect to see the current District/County split replaced with Unitary authorities, with existing District council geographies used as the building blocks. Three proposals are being developed locally, in which South

Cambridgeshire (our district) is combined with Cambridge City Council only (Proposal B), or also with East Cambridgeshire (Proposal A), or also with Huntingdonshire (Proposal C). County council functions, like highways and social care, would be passed down to the new authorities.

The district council has an FAQ page available here: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation>

C2C Busway – Public Enquiry

The Public Enquiry for the C2C Busway will commence on the 16th September at the Belfry Hotel, Cambourne. The timetable and submissions are available here: <https://gateleyhamer-pi.com/en-gb/c-to-c/>

Comberton Greenway – Coton construction

The next phase of the Comberton Greenway cycle scheme will involve road and safety improvements through Coton. Details will be sent directly to village residents in the coming days, but the works are expected to take 5-6 months as they work progressively through the village (starting at The Footpath).

Contact Details

Councillors and residents are welcome to contact me on any issue which is concerning them:

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