

District Councillors' Report, September 2026

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South Cambridgeshire Clerks Conference

SCDC is holding a Clerks Conference: all Clerks and Deputy Clerks in South Cambridgeshire are invited. The last of these, in March, attracted 30 attendees, representing 35 Town / Parish Councils, and we hope to expand on this. The Conference will be held on Wednesday 30th September 2026, 9.30am - 2.30pm. The location is South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, CB23 6EA. The agenda will be distributed shortly, and will include presentations on LGR and Housing, in addition to a catered lunch and networking opportunity.

Planning Training for all Parish Councillors

There was a training session on the planning process for Parish Councillors on 21st July. If you missed the session, the recording is available at: <https://youtu.be/Up6S356vkU0>.

The slides used by the planning teamwork and adapted in the light of the discussions during the session are attached to this report. We strongly recommend that all Councillors are familiar with the material. Send any questions you might have to Jack Bullimore at jack.bullimore@scambs.gov.uk.

Council newsletter

You should have received the Council newsletter recently. If you haven't received it, contact us because we get a copy.

Zero Carbon Communities Newsletter

We'd like to highlight the quarterly Zero Carbon Communities (ZCC) newsletter, which is a great way to connect with the latest climate, nature and communities-related work across the district. Inside you will find updates on the ZCC grant programme, local stories and achievements, funding opportunities, upcoming events, useful resources, and examples of projects from councils and communities. If you'd like to receive the newsletter directly to your inbox, you can subscribe by emailing here: ZCC@scambs.gov.uk. You can also access previous versions of the Newsletter here: [Zero Carbon Communities Newsletter - South Cambs District Council](#)

C2C

The Cambridge to Cambourne bus way will go ahead. This means the Travel Hub in Scotland Road will also go ahead. Tenders are being sought for the work.

Local Government Re-organisation

You have probably heard that the LGR is further delayed by a year. We were to hear in October about which of the unitary models for the area of Cambridgeshire was acceptable. This is on pause. Councils have been working hard to get the Unitary Council up and running by April 2028. There were to be elections for the Unitary Councils next May followed by a shadowing year. These elections are not happening. The only elections are for councils whose four year term is up.

Other Events

The People's National Emergency Briefing is a film being shown in towns and villages nationwide. It is followed by discussions on what can be done. The film will be shown at Girton's Pavilion, near the Church on 19th September, 4.30 Doors Open, 5.00 Film starts. www.nebriefing.org

Local Climate Action Conference 2026

Local Climate Action Conference 2026 on Friday 6 November 2026, 11am - 5pm (Timing TBC)

This will be the fourth year of the popular conference where attendees can:

- Explore inspiring local climate and nature initiatives, share knowledge and ideas, and help create a greener, healthier and more resilient future for South Cambridgeshire.
- Join colleagues, community groups, residents and local organisations to celebrate local sustainability projects already happening across the district.
- Discover new ideas and feel empowered about the next steps towards achieving our climate and nature ambitions.
- Enjoy an afternoon of inspiring speakers, practical discussions, networking, and local success stories.

Refreshments and a plant-based lunch will be provided.

Venue: Storeys Field Centre, Eddington
More information to follow.

Greater Cambridge Local Plan public exhibitions begin this week

A reminder that the public consultation (Regulation 19) on the Greater Cambridge Local Plan is now underway, with a series of exhibitions taking place across South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge throughout September. These events provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about the Local Plan, view supporting information and speak directly with members of the Planning Policy team about the consultation. There is no need to register in advance, although Eventbrite registration is encouraged to help with event planning.

For details of all upcoming exhibition dates and venues, and to access consultation materials, just visit [the Greater Cambridge Planning website](https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org). If you have any questions about the consultation process or the Local Plan, please contact the Planning Policy Team at localplan@greatercambridgeplanning.org or on 01954 713694.