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Report for Parish Councils – December 2021.

South Cambs District Council

Update on the development of the next Local Plan

The consultation period on the ‘first proposals’ stage in the development of the joint Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire Local Plan runs until 5pm on December 13th.

New Golden Number

South Cambs DC has introduced a single Golden Number to be used to contact the council. This should help you to be able to talk to the best person within the council more effectively. We have also introduced a call back facility so that you don’t have to hang on the phone during busy periods. The number is: 01954 713000.

Investment Strategy

There is an updated Investment Strategy at S Cambs. Policy remains to generate 20% of income from investment by 2025 to minimise need to raise Council tax.

<https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s124977/Appendix%20A%20-%20Investment%20Strategy%20-%20Draft%20December%202021.pdf>

Capital Strategy

The Council has updated the Capital spending programme

<https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s124924/Appendix%20A%20-%20Capital%20Projects%20Performance%20-%202020%202021%20Projects.pdf>

South Cambs Christmas market

Unfortunately this had to be cancelled.

Empty Homes Strategy

There is a new Empty homes Strategy out for consultation. The objective here is to bring empty properties back into use and reduce the number of long term empty homes.

<https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s124895/Appendix%20A%20-%20Empty%20Homes%20Strategy%202021-25.pdf>

Fees & Charges

There is an updated schedule of fees and charges for 2022/23

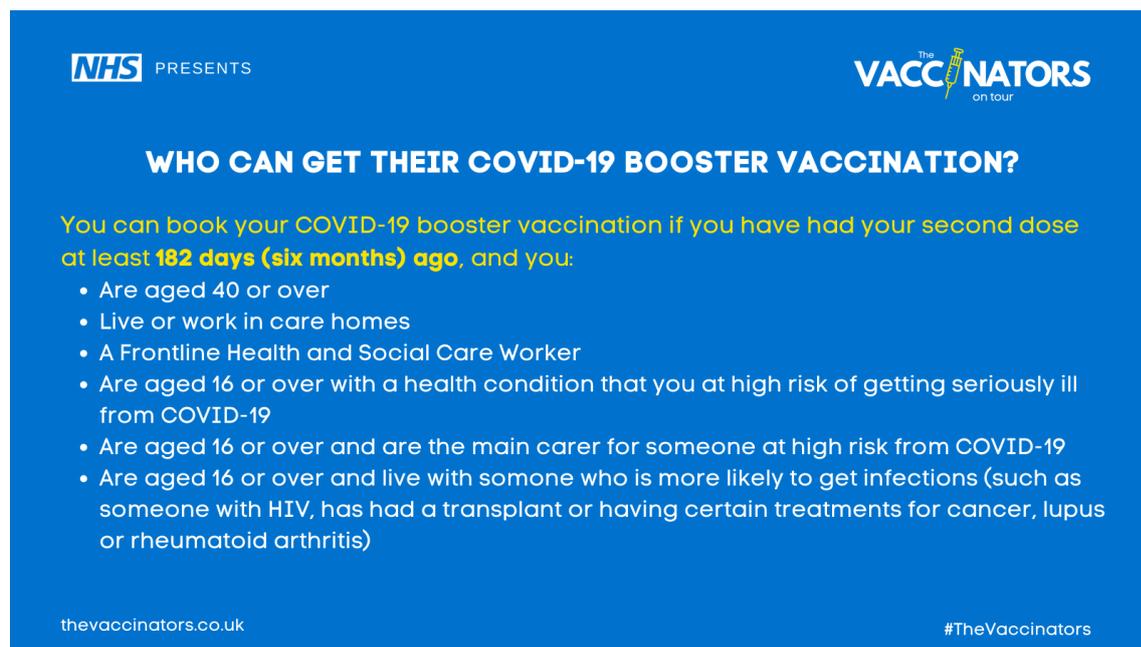
<https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s124979/Fees%20Charges%20-%20Report%20to%20Cabinet.pdf>

Cambridgeshire County Report

Vaccination Advice

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NHS PRESENTS **THE VACCINATORS**
on tour

WHO CAN GET THEIR COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINATION?

You can book your COVID-19 booster vaccination if you have had your second dose at least **182 days (six months) ago**, and you:

- Are aged 40 or over
- Live or work in care homes
- A Frontline Health and Social Care Worker
- Are aged 16 or over with a health condition that you at high risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19
- Are aged 16 or over and are the main carer for someone at high risk from COVID-19
- Are aged 16 or over and live with someone who is more likely to get infections (such as someone with HIV, has had a transplant or having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis)

thevaccinators.co.uk #TheVaccinators

Household Support Fund

A new support fund which aims to help those struggling to pay for food, energy or other essential items this winter has been launched.

Cambridgeshire County Council has been allocated £3.58 million as part of the Government's Household Support Fund to help people who need financial support.

More than £1.1 million of the funding is being used to operate a direct voucher scheme for eligible families over the October half-term, Christmas school holidays and February half-term periods. The remainder is being used to provide a wider scheme, with at least half of the total funding allocated to support households with children, in line with government guidelines. The rest will be reserved for other households in need of support this winter.

Details of how to access the scheme are available at:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund>

Practical support provided through the fund includes:

- Vouchers to support with food for both families and individuals
- Fuel and water, either by paying bills on demand, via direct debit or a pre-payment meter
- Other essential supplies.

The council is working closely with district councils, local community groups and other partners to identify people across the area who can benefit from the fund.

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People can apply via a number of local community groups signed up to the fund or apply directly by following the link: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/household-support-fund

Apprentice Awards

Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council are launching their first ever county-wide Apprenticeship Awards to help recognise and celebrate the commitment, hard work and achievements of individuals completing and supporting an apprenticeship.

Anyone can nominate an apprentice for an award by visiting:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/jobs-and-careers/cambridgeshire-apprenticeship-awards-2022> or <https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/council/jobs-and-careers/apprenticeships/cambridgeshire-apprenticeship-awards-2022>.

You have until 5pm on Monday 3 January to get your entries in. An awards ceremony will be held either virtually or in person, depending on the latest Covid guidance, on a date between 7-13 February which is National Apprenticeship Week.

All nominations for the apprenticeship categories must be for current apprentices or those who have completed their apprenticeship in the 12 months from 1 January 2021 and who either live or work in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.

Nominations can be made for the following:

- **Working with People Award**
- **Behind the Scenes Award**
- **Team Working Award**
- **Personal Achievement**

Selected from the above categories will be an overall Apprentice of the Year. The judges are looking for an exceptional apprentice who can demonstrate their achievements and the impact they have made within their organisation.

Also there will be:

Apprentice Manager/Mentor Award

Apprentice Ambassador/Champion Award

County Highways Issues

The Dec 7th committee will look at:

- A10 next steps
- Future transport strategy

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- Active travel policy
- Public rights of way design guide

HRC Opening

Christmas and New Year opening hours for our Household Recycling Centres

- Christmas Eve - all sites close at 1pm
- Christmas Day / Boxing Day / New Year's Day - all sites closed
- 27 and 28 December and 3 January (bank holidays) - March HRC opens 9am to 4pm and other sites open normal hours
- All other days - normal opening hours

Please check our individual Household Recycling Centre pages for further opening hours information. Gates close 10 minutes before published closing times. For Thriplow bookings see below.

<https://selfservice.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/RenderForm?g=4ea186ce-f987-47a2-ad41-d7a580adec1c&s=3>

Innovate & Cultivate Fund

The Innovate and Cultivate Fund is our fund to help voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations realise their projects and ideas that help address the needs of local residents. The Innovate and Cultivate Fund has two funding streams:

Cultivate - grants of £2,000 - £15,000 aimed at encouraging local networks where people help themselves and each other (please note the maximum Cultivate grant has reduced from £19,000 to £15,000)

Innovate - grants of up to £50,000 for big projects with big ideas that demonstrate an innovative approach (please note we have suspended this stream until further notice)

To be eligible, all projects must:

be either new, or build on an existing project in a new location or with new beneficiaries show that they will reduce pressure on council services and / or offer direct savings for the council

Next application deadline: 1 February 2022 - Cultivate grants only

How to apply

You can find grant application forms and further information about fund priorities and criteria on the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation website. We strongly advise applicants to seek pre-application advice before submitting a grant application.

You can book pre-application advice appointments on the Eventbrite website.

If you would like to join the Innovate and Cultivate Fund mailing list, please email

Lianne.Parrett@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

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Covid 19 ERA

We are still in the Covid ERA so the stronger advice on gatherings and face coverings still apply.

Peter McDonald

December 5th 2021

Very Merry Christmas & Happy New year to you all and your families.

