

**CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL**  
District of South Cambridgeshire

**18. Correspondence**  
Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020

	From	Subject
18.1	Beth Warmington – Communication and Engagement Officer	GCP – Cambourne to Cambridge
18.2	Tom Horn – Communications Officer	Three Free Trees Scheme

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Dear John

Good to talk just now.

As discussed, below is the update on GCP's programme now that we're out of purdah and into a New Year. As you will be aware, due to the announcement of the General Election taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> December, our planned cycle of Joint Assembly and Executive Board meetings due to take place in December had to be postponed. The Board had been due to make a decision on an end to end route for the Cambourne to Cambridge Better Public Transport Project, as recommended by the project team.

The Joint Assembly and Executive Board meetings will now take place on 30<sup>th</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> February respectively. The agenda and papers for the meeting of the Joint Assembly are being published online on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January and the rescheduled meeting of the C2C Local Liaison Forum will take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January at Cambourne Village College at 6.30pm. Hopefully you will already have this date in your diaries as emails went out some months back and the agenda was also issued at the end of November with a reminder about the meeting.

It would be great if you were able to cascade the information about the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> January to councillors and others who may be interested. This will provide an opportunity for attendees to see the Outline Business Case presented and the recommended end to end route, in advance of the Joint Assembly meeting.

Please don't hesitate to call me on the below number or 07711 824892 if you need to discuss anything further.

Best wishes  
Beth

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Dear parish council colleagues

Please see below for a news release that we have issued, which you may be interested in. It is about our new initiative to offer every parish council in South Cambridgeshire three free trees.

If you have any questions please contact Emma Dyer on [Emma.Dyer@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Emma.Dyer@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 713344.

Best wishes,

Tom

# News release

**Tuesday 7 January 2020**

## **Three Free Trees to encourage more planting in villages**

Every parish council in South Cambridgeshire is being offered three free trees by the District Council as part of ambitions to double nature.

The Three Free Trees scheme to encourage more planting was officially launched today (Tuesday 7 January) in Fulbourn, where representatives from the village's parish council joined local schoolchildren to put the young trees into the ground.

South Cambridgeshire District Council is contacting all 103 parish councils in the area to invite them to apply for a voucher which can be exchanged for three trees, or one large one, at a local garden centre. The voucher will also pay for stakes and tree protection guards.

With trees absorbing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere, they play a key role in helping to combat climate change. The District Council has already declared a climate emergency and, in November 2018, pledged to work towards making the District zero carbon by 2050.

Council Leader Cllr Bridget Smith was joined by Fulbourn Parish Councillor Gill Ward and local schoolchildren at the recreation ground in Fulbourn today. Together, they planted the first trees as part of the Three Free Trees initiative.

Cllr Smith said: "We hope that every village takes up our offer as it will mean hundreds of new trees are planted across South Cambridgeshire. The idea is to show that when you join lots of small positive changes together, they contribute to something much larger. I am hopeful that this modest project will be a trigger for much more extensive tree planting by parish councils, businesses, farmers and residents throughout our District, which actually has far fewer trees than most of the rest of the country. It would be great if people were inspired to make a New Year's Resolution to plant more. I certainly intend to.

"Being green to our core remains one of our top priorities – whether it be through simple acts like planting trees, supporting community groups with funding for zero carbon projects, increasing

recycling rates or generating clean, renewable energy. We know we are on the right track after recently being named one of the top performing Councils on climate change, but we are determined to do more. One of the main ways we're doing this is by making climate change a key theme in our new joint Local Plan which we are starting to create with our friends at Cambridge City Council. Watch out for the chance to have your say on some of the issues and options for this important document from next week. We're also looking at making our own buildings greener, putting solar panels in our office car parks and installing low energy bulbs in our streetlights."

Member of Fulbourn Parish Council, Gill Ward, said: "Why would any village want to miss out on free trees? They have so many benefits. Trees help with our general wellbeing, encourage interest in our environment and encourage pride in our village. They are a valuable educational resource and encourage children's play and adventure."

Parish Councils in South Cambridgeshire can apply for their tree voucher at [www.scambs.gov.uk/three-free-trees](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/three-free-trees)

South Cambridgeshire District Council is a member of Natural Cambridgeshire. This is a partnership between local Councils, businesses, health, farming, wildlife and environmental organisations all working towards doubling the area of rich wildlife habitats and natural green space across the county.

## **Ends**

## **Notes for editors**

Pictures from this morning's tree planting ceremony are available upon request.

South Cambridgeshire District Council was named as one of the top performing Councils in a report late last year from Desmog Environmental Journalism website:

[www.desmog.co.uk/2019/10/28/councils-commit-2m-tackle-climate-emergency](http://www.desmog.co.uk/2019/10/28/councils-commit-2m-tackle-climate-emergency)

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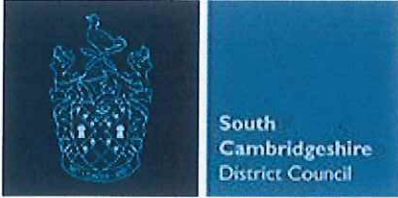
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