

District Report for February 2021 from Cllr S Bhattacharya

Voluntary groups vaccination information

The Clinical Commissioning Group is working with CCVS to help gather information on voluntary and community sector organisation who may qualify as a priority group for vaccinations. The information below is being set to parishes and Covid community groups.

The NHS has now opened access to the COVID vaccine to staff and volunteers from community groups currently directly working or having contact with people in the priority groups outlined here:

Priority Groups for Vaccination

- those involved in the direct supply of food and other goods
- those supporting older people and those with long term health issues
- those supporting vulnerable children and young people
- volunteer drivers involved in transporting people to vaccine appointments

CCVS is working with the NHS on the identifying community groups to receive the COVID vaccine and will be your point of contact, if you believe your staff and/or volunteers meet the eligibility criteria please confirm and we will send you details of how to book appointments.

At this point there is no restriction on numbers of vaccinations available, with plenty of appointments available this week, so we urge you to respond immediately.

Mark Freeman mark@cambridgecvs.org.uk copied and details below, is the main point of contact.

Friday 22 January 2021 News Release

Council urges businesses to apply now for latest lockdown grants

Businesses in South Cambridgeshire can now apply for the latest round of Government financial help for closures during the post-Christmas period and through the Spring.

South Cambridgeshire District Council, which is administering the business grants, has opened applications for local businesses suffering from the most recent lockdown restrictions - Tier 4 restrictions from 26 December to 4 January, and the current ongoing National Lockdown.

There are several different Government grants available for these periods.

For the Tier 4 period in South Cambridgeshire, which ran for ten days immediately after Christmas, affected businesses (including non-essential retail, leisure, personal care, sports facilities and hospitality businesses) can now apply online for the LRS (Closed)

Tier 4 grant scheme. The eligibility criteria and payments are structured in a similar way to previous grants given during earlier restrictions.

For the current National Lockdown, which started on January 5, three new schemes are now available. Businesses which applied for the Tier 4 grant do not need to re-apply but will be contacted automatically by the Council. Those which haven't applied for earlier grants should fill in an online application form.

The new Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed) Addendum: 5 January onwards covers the current 42-day period for business closures up until 31 March 2021, with one-off payments ranging from £2,001 to £4,500 depending on the rateable value of a business which must have been registered for business rates on 5 January 2021 and required by law to close.

Those receiving this grant will also be entitled to an additional one-off Closed Business Lockdown payment for the same 42-day qualifying restriction period which will range from £4,000 to £9,000 and will be paid automatically.

The Council is also receiving additional funding to allocate at its discretion under the Additional Restrictions Grant scheme and will make initial use of these funds to provide top-ups to those most in-need businesses in the District which are eligible for the Closed Business Lockdown Payment.

The application closure date for the new grant schemes is 31 March 2021 with final payments being made by 30 April 2021.

In the meantime, businesses can also still apply for various earlier grants via the Council website covering the following: Local Restrictions from November 5 to December 2; Christmas support payments for wet-led pubs (final applications must be received by January 31, 2021); and Tier 2 Restrictions imposed in South Cambridgeshire from December 2 to 25.

For full guidance on all financial support grant funding for businesses in South Cambridgeshire and to apply see www.scams.gov.uk/business/coronavirus-information-for-businesses/financial-support-for-business/local-restrictions-support-grants/

26th January update:

and I've also attached the weekly update from Liz Robin, the Director of Public Health.

Self-isolation support: Direct mail to residents

District Council will be sending a Coronavirus-related direct mail to all households in South Cambridgeshire in the coming couple of weeks. This will contain an A4 flyer, produced by the Council, that details the financial and practical support available to people who need to self-isolate. This is to help ensure that residents feel there is enough local assistance available to assist them to comply with critical self-isolation. The main website page to plug for **the latest support** along these lines is <https://www.scams.gov.uk/isolation>

The envelope will also include a flyer produced by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG that provides helpful information about the vaccine roll-out locally. These will be sent to all residents during the weeks commencing 8 and 15 February.

27 January 2021

Councils encourage communities to help shape environmentally friendly Waste Water Treatment Plant

South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council are urging local people to get involved in the next stages of the design and planning for the new plant, which Anglian Water says will support the local ambition towards net zero carbon, and also deliver wider benefits for people and wildlife.

Anglian Water have announced today that the preferred site for the new plant is Site 3, an area north of the A14 between Fen Ditton and Horningsea. This follows Anglian Water's extensive research and public consultation during 2020 to inform the selection of a preferred site for the relocated plant – with around 3,500 comments being submitted.

The proposed relocation would allow **a new net zero carbon facility, meeting exemplar environmental standards**, to replace the existing plant near Cambridge North railway station. This will unlock opportunities for future development on that site, as well as providing for planned growth in places such as Waterbeach New Town. The project means that no additional treatment facilities would be needed at the new town as wastewater would be treated at the new plant.

Any question: please contact Loftus Hana Hana.Loftus@greatercambridgeplanning.org

Meeting with Ross Barton, Director Stagecoach on Thursday 28th January

Cllr Mark Howell and I had a discussion with Ross Barton, Director Stagecoach on 28th January regarding the Cambourne circular bus service. Previously, we had promising discussions over the Cambourne circular bus service and it had a good potential to start the service in June 2021, However, in spite of having true potential this service is not possible to run commercially due to this ongoing pandemic situation. Ross Barton showed his interest in the public consultation for making the business plan for Cambourne. The upcoming meeting was decided to be in mid-April and it will be good if the Town Council officials attend the meeting with Stagecoach as well.

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