Appendix 7

South Cambs District Council

Duxford APM: March 2025

Councillor Peter McDonald

District Councillor for Duxford, Ickleton, Hinxton, Babraham, Pampisford

Key Activities & Changes 2025/2026

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- Homes for Ukraine – over 800 Ukrainians found homes
- Ukrainians can apply for 18 months extension from Feb 25
- £600k for CoL support including warm hubs, slow cookers and The Mobile Food Hubs
- Having doubled the number of new Council homes built from 35 in 2019/20 to 75 in 2025/26
- £500k for homelessness
- £1m to enhance energy efficiency in council 5,600 homes
- £2 million in next 2 years allocated to continue to upgrade existing housing stock, as part of continuing carbon reduction efforts.
- £300k for zero carbon projects eg solar panels on the community Centre
- New scheme LIFT to support lower income residents

- Four-day week- 5 days work in 4 days
  - Voluntary
  - c. 80% of staff participate
- Key Measures:
  - 98% of bins emptied
  - Housing lets & repairs done on time
  - Planning performance improved
  - Staff retention improved
    - Costs c £175k for extra bin crew & lorry lease
    - Savings c.£500k in agency costs
- Net £325k benefit

  - Consultation finishes March 27th
  - Results feedback in the summer

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Financials

2024/25

- SCDC takes c.£175 of the c. £1,700 of Band D Council Tax.
- Council Tax Increased this year by 3.5% or £5 to £175.
    - Correcting a deficit of £500k in 2019/20
    - Councillor expenses 4.5% over 2 yrs in line with staff
    - SCDC still looking to generate 25% of income from investments (to protect Council & residents)
- County C Tax Increased by £76 or 4,99%.

5 yr Business Plan

- South Cambs receives no Government grant.
- Savings planned of £1.5m next few years.
- Work to bring forward community buildings at Northstowe.
- Continued efforts to reduce fly-tipping at hotspots through cameras, and promptly investigating reports of rubbish being dumped.
- A new Mobile Warden scheme, to help keep older people living independently in their homes for longer, for the years ahead
- Some of the proposed business support targets include:
    - The promotion of local businesses, as well tailored support and resources and identifying funding opportunities.
    - Supporting start-ups and small businesses to grow – such as providing space for them at the Council's Cambourne office.
    - Continuing to help establish and support local markets across South Cambridgeshire.

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My Priorities

- 1. Monitor & influence planning projects.
  - Influence the local plan process/call for sites.
  - Monitor the 5 year housing land supply.
  - Work with villages on Wellcome Genome Campus development & housing covenants.
  - Gonville & Caius 800 houses were not included in call for sites.
  - Whittlesford Depot will be re-developed.
- 2. Keep residents up to date
  - Monthly report for every Parish.
  - Facebook & Twitter.
  - Focus leaflets – 10x since Election in 2020/22.
- 3. Carry out effective case work on:
  - Planning
  - Housing
  - Highways
- 4. Represent my villages for grant support- total grants in 2023/24 across the District
  - Community chest - £65k
  - Community led £50k
  - Biodiversity- £10k
  - Zero carbon Grants £130k
- 6. Work effectively on Cabinet
  - Business Support responsibility

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Council Tax Breakdown 2025/26

Authority	Amount
Cambridgeshire County Council	£1,431.19
Cambridgeshire County Council: Adult Social Care Precept	£269.45
South Cambridgeshire District Council	£175.40
Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner	£299.43
Cambridgeshire Fire Authority	£87.21
Mayoral Combined Authority	£36

Duxford £200

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Budget 2025/26

• Investing £21 million into the county's 4,500 miles of road network, footpaths, cycleways, and drainage systems in 2025-26, with a further £20 million being invested in 2026-27.

• Investing £20 million over the next 3 years to support providers of adult social care services to pay care workers the Real Living Wage, helping to recruit and retain people to deliver these essential services.

• Investing £6.8 million in low carbon heating for schools and council buildings and £8.7 million being invested to deliver enhanced and upgraded household waste recycling centres in Milton and March.

• This means we have a budget gap of £34.2 million in 2025-26 which needs to be closed.

• Proposed council tax increase of 4.99% for 2025-26. This increase, if approved, would generate around £20 million in additional funding, not only helping the council to balance the books and set a legal budget, but more importantly, meaning we can commit to:

• ensuring that adult care services can continue to support and protect vulnerable adults by investing over £30 million to meet rising demand and costs and supporting the social care workforce.

• funding almost £0.8 Billion investment in capital expenditure to build vital schools, investing in care and community facilities, including libraries, and continue to deliver our ambitious net zero target.

• provide £2.5m to maintain holiday school vouchers for those most in need.

•sustaining home to school transport for children in education right across the county by a further £4.7 million in additional funding to help meet rising demands and costs.

•helping to provide extra capacity to support children and young people in care and children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

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My Priorities

- 1. Four committees
  - Strategy & Resources (the budget)
  - Assets & Procurement
  - Highways
  - Pensions +
  - County Farms Group
    - 33,000 acres
- 2. Highways Matters
  - 20 mph zone policy being progressed for 2024-2026
  - Civil Parking Enforcement began Feb 1st 2024
  - Scanning of the highways initiated to get a proper view of the priorities.
  - New gulley scanning & cleaning programme initiated.
- 3. Infrastructure
  - A505 plan for next 10 years
  - Whittlesford Travel Hub.
    - Ensuring these are multi-modal hubs with benefits for the community.
- 4. School support
  - Duxford school re-build
- 5. Represent you on County Farms
  - Currently 33,000 acres
  - Environmental Land Management
  - Tree planting
  - New farm acquisition.

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Cambridge 2050

- Michael Gove announced a plan in July 23 for 250,000 homes in Greater Cambridge by 2040.
- In November 2023 he revised this to 150,000 homes
- The Greater Cambridge Plan is for 50,000 homes by 2041
- New Labour Government said we needed c.55,000 homes
- EWR Southern route chosen – impacting Harston, Haslingfield etc
- Cambridge South Station Jan 26

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