

Monthly SCDC Report by Edd Stonham – October, 2011

Solar PV panel's project

The project to fit solar panels on 2,300 council homes has been hit with a blow as the government changes the feed in tariff rates. South Cambs with its commercial partner Savills Solar had planned to have these panels fitted by the 3rd March 2012 to gain the maximum revenue 43.3p per unit being paid for surplus energy from the panels, but this has now been slashed to just 16.8p making the project not financially viable.

Grants to develop future sporting champions

Funding can be used to help buy equipment, improve training or even help with transport.

Grants of up to £2,000 for people who compete at regional, national or international level have been made available as part of a three-year programme to develop future sporting champions in South Cambridgeshire leading up to the London Olympics and Paralympics in 2012.

About 50 Grants have already been paid out in but more grants are still available

To apply for a grant download an application form by visiting www.scambs/london2012, or contact Joseph Minutolo on 01954 713359 or joseph.minutolo@scambs.gov.uk.

Housing PFH meeting.

I was unable to attend the last meeting of the housing PfH meeting due to a prior work commitment however The long awaited results of the Gypsy & Traveller Needs Assessment were presented in a report that received a great deal of criticism from those present.

Empty Homes Grant Initiative Scheme

South Cambs are in the process of an Empty homes grant initiative, A survey has been done on all empty property that had been vacant for 6+ Months in May 2011. Grants would be awarded at the Council's discretion in return for properties being let through the Council's Private Sector Leasing Scheme at an Affordable Rent.

If you have any queries in relation to empty properties - please contact Julie Fletcher, Housing Performance Improvement Team Leader, on 01954 713352 or email julie.fletcher@scambs.gov.uk

Water, Water Everywhere

Mike Mason Briefed council members on the 26th October on water management.

Histon and Impington Merger

24th November it is hoped that the merging of the Parish Councils can be brought to Electoral arrangements 21st November and then to full council in time for Full Council.

Chairman's Civic Reception

I had the opportunity to attend the Chairman's civic reception with Mike, This was held at TWI (The Welding Institute) this was very interesting to hear how the Welding institute started life and the technologies it is developing for future material process control. It was

quite amazing to see how from small beginnings that they have become a world leader in material welding and now are moving into material surface modelling.

Diary Dates

15th Nov - Finance and Staffing Pfh

16th Nov - Housing Pfh

18th Nov - Councillor Surgery, 7pm Orchard Park

21st Nov - Electoral Arrangements

24th Nov - Full Council

Councillors Surgery

Just a reminder the all councillor sessions this month is at Orchard Park 7pm on 18 November