

COUNCIL CONTINUES TO BE TOP PERFORMER FOR COUNCIL TAX COLLECTION

Finance bosses have thanked revenues staff, residents and businesses for achieving another top table position in the council tax collection league.

The latest government statistics on council tax collection have been released and South Cambridgeshire has come joint third, collecting 99.4% of all council tax, maintaining its performance on last year.

Overall, £104 million in council tax was due to be collected by the Council on behalf of itself, Cambridgeshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioners office, Fire Authority and parish councils.

The data also reveals that Business Rate collections in South Cambridgeshire achieved a top table position taking joint sixth place, climbing from 99.4% in 2015 to 99.5%.

NORTHSTOWE

In May 2017, there was a celebration event as the first residents were welcomed into Northstowe. Built by Bloor Homes, the first houses were occupied in April and more buyers are due to move into the new town over the coming months, with over a quarter already reserved. Bloor Homes is building the first 92 homes at Northstowe, which will be a range of two, three, four and five bedroom houses. Two 4-bedroom Show Homes opened to the public on 13 of May. Northstowe will eventually encompass up to 10,000 new homes and will have a full range of early year, primary, secondary and special educational needs facilities.

CAMBRIDGE NORTH RAILWAY STATION

The Cambridge North railway station opened on the 21 May 2017. It is located in the Cambridge suburb of Chesterton, close to Cambridge Science Park. The station connects to the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway and provides an interchange with Park & Ride and local bus services. It has three platforms: platform 1 on the eastern side of the station serves southbound fast services to Cambridge and London King's Cross; platform 2 serves northbound services to Ely and Norwich; platform 3 is a south-facing bay serving semi-fast services to London Liverpool Street via Cambridge and Bishop's Stortford, and stopping services to London King's Cross via Cambridge and Stevenage

PLANNING DUTY OFFICER

You can ask the duty planning officer about:

- the planning application process for householder applications
- how householder planning applications are assessed
- conditions that have been attached to a householder planning permission

The duty planning officer can assist you with simple questions about the following types of development:

- extensions, conservatories or a porch
- a garage or outbuilding
- new or altered access
- dormer windows or roof alterations
- a wall or fence
- new windows or doors

Make an appointment:

- appointments must be made in advance - call 0345 045 5215
- appointments will be each weekday morning from 9.30am

Do you need Planning Permission:

You can make certain types of minor changes to your house without needing to apply for planning permission. These are called 'permitted development'. The Planning Portal website contains advice on your permitted development rights and includes a number of interactive guides on [common householder projects](#).

If you should need further information or advice or we can help in any way, please contact us on:

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