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Children's Centre Consultation

A consultation to redesign Children's Centre Services has gone live. I would encourage you all to participate and share with residents. We want to know what people need, want and think. The idea is to offer the same amount of services or more through outreach work. Less buildings more services.

You can view the details and take part here
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenscentreconsultation

The proposed approach includes:

- **10 Child and Family Centres**, delivered across 15 buildings, that will continue to offer services in places of high need with extended opening hours, with skilled staff able to meet family's needs
- **12 Child and Family Zones** - these will use community spaces, such as libraries and community centres, to deliver a range of services, including baby and toddler groups, activities for families with disabilities and places for community groups to meet. A video of a Child and Family zone can be seen [here](#)
- **Outreach Programme** – The Child and Family Centres workforce will deliver support across a range of community venues so families, particularly in rural locations, can access a regular programme of services and responsive support.
- **Online Offer** – there will be a comprehensive online offer to provide information and advice to help and support families

Hard copy versions of the consultation can be found at Children's Centres and Libraries. Frontline staff will also be at a range of events across the summer. Details of these events can be found in the consultation document. Website content can be translated for speakers of other language using the inbuilt google translate function. We can provide versions of the consultation in other languages and braille on request.



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Community & Partnership Committee

There are on-going conversations regarding the areas of work this committee will undertake. One key area we are looking at is: Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse. This area of work is partially being dealt with under the Adults & Children's Committee. However, we believe that this area requires more resources and by being in this committee we can provide more dedicated support. Still early days, and we need to make sure we do not duplicate. We are very conscious of this.

I will keep you posted.

Cambourne to Cambridge LLF 17th July meeting

The Mayor, James Palmer, attended the meeting and reassured that he is working jointly with the Greater Cambridge Partnership. His feasibility study is not quite ready but hopes that it will be soon.

A large number of members of the LLF believe that the Cambourne to Cambridge project should be on stand-by until Mayor's feasibility study is finalise. However, there were some concerns regarding the Local Plan and how this would affect it.

There was a presentation by Officer from GCP and Atkins. Many questions were raised and you can see the presentations on their website.

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/>

Natural Cambridgeshire Board

The first meeting of this Board was on the 18th July at Alconbury Weald.

Health and the Environment are interconnected and the Board is very keen in supporting the health priorities. Dr Liz Robin, Director of Public Health for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, gave a presentation regarding physical and mental health in both counties. Highlighting the pockets of poverty in the different cities and the impact on health. Mental health is not better then national level and there strategies that could potentially improve considerably this. Decisions regarding these strategies will happen in the autumn.

Peterborough health is worse than in Cambridgeshire, however, it is improving. The heart and cardiovascular mortality are improving. There is an issue regarding sports and lifestyle in the area. Health deprivation is quite poor. Ethnic plays a key role in understanding lifestyle choices and the impact on health. She is looking into working closer with minorities.

They would like to encourage communities to go for the Green Flag award.

<http://www.greenflagaward.org.uk/>



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Full Council Meeting 18th July

The meeting started with a prayer lead by the Jewish Community, in Hebrew and translated. We all joined.

Consultation on changes of governance of the Fire Authority

Cllr Reynolds proposed to support option 2 a representative model and to support and endorse the response of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough's Fire Authority to the consultation process.

Basic Allowance

There was an almost 2 hour discussion on this subject. The different groups presented their different arguments. For me particularly having worked for the County Council and been through a restructuration I found this decision a very difficult one. I appreciate the challenging present situation we face. On the other side, I can see how being a councillor is very limited to age and financial capability. The Council does not represent our communities across the county. We have no minorities represented. There are only 4 under 35s, out of 61. The majority of current councillors are over 65 and male. In order to encourage Cambridgeshire residents to stand as a councillor, we needed to review the allowance. When you compare the allowances across the Eastern Region, Cambridgeshire was at the bottom. The intention of councillors was to increase it to national average and to avoid allowance debate every four years. Being a councillor should be for the right candidates, not only those who can afford it.

There were many more points made and if you would like to discuss this further please let me know.

A10 King's Lynn to Cambridge corridor

Cllr Nethsingha put forward a motion regarding the congestion and requiring a small study on the impact of improving junctions between Littleport, and the A14.

Cllr Bates put forward an amendment to this motion: To allow three studies taken by the Greater Cambridge Partnership be completed and then reviewed, instead of undertaking another study.


The amendment to the motion went through.




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Joint Assembly Greater Cambridge Partnership 19th July

There were 8 pages of questions for the officers and further supportive documents.

The first half of the meeting was about Rapid Mass Transport Strategic Options Appraisal  and Milton and Histon Road. Residents raised their questions and the Director responded to them through a presentation which you can find on the website.

Followed by A428/A1303 Better Bus Journey Scheme - further scheme development update 

City Access Strategy 

And finally, Improving Greater Cambridge Partnership Governance PDF

You can find all the documents in this link

<http://scams.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1073&MId=6850>

Autumn Detailed design phase including LLF workshops

Spring/Summer 2018 Public Consultation on detailed design

So far I will represent the Council in the following outside bodies:

Natural Cambridgeshire Board

Total transport Member Steering Group

Health Committee Liaison Group

Royal British Legion

East West Rail

Just to remind you that the public is welcome to attend County Councils meetings. You can find all the details in the website, along with the agenda and supporting documents.



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As always I welcome your questions and comments on the foregoing and any other local or strategic matter in which you are interested.

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