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## **Children's Centre Update**

There has been a very large response to the consultation which is very positive. Residents have been asking about the outreach proposal. In a few lines:

What does outreach work means?

Family work in people's home  
Regular and constant timetables groups sessions in buildings  
Regular planned holiday offer  
Responsive pop up interventions where intelligence informs a need

We need to transform our services. We want to reach those in most need and isolated areas. To do this we need to do things differently.

Caldecote Children's Centre (CC)

I have visited the school and spoken to the Head teacher. I have also been talking to the Manager who is leading the consultation and she has visited the school in order to find the best way forward for this building.

The service offered by the CC will continue to be provided through outreach. The building would be best use by allowing the pre-school to extend its offer and for the school to continue to offer the wrap around care parents want and need. This partnership between school and pre-school will offer the best outcome for children.

If have any comments or ideas please get in touch.

## **Budget and business planning**

I have now attended several financial seminars and all members should start attending their committees business planning and prepare for budget meeting next year. We are doing everything we can to keep supporting the same level of services offered across the county and make sure that those most in need are receiving the help and support they need. We have started to transform services and evaluating the best way to achieve our goals.

We are negotiating with Central Government key financial points such as business rates and fair school funding for our schools.



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If you have an idea about how a service can improve or do differently please get in touch. We want to hear from staff and residents.

### **Health and Wellbeing Board meeting**

This session was looking at:

Discussing the national context for Health and Wellbeing boards  
GROUP discussion about Cambridgeshire's progress  
Joint Strategic Needs assessment and review priorities

**You can find more information here:**

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/be-well/cambridgeshire-health-and-wellbeing-board/>

### **Cambourne to Cambridge LLF 11<sup>th</sup> September meeting**

*Western orbital*

Discussion regarding Trumpington P&R proposal to extend and increase spaces. Option 1a is the recommended by the officers as the most cost/effective option.

Members of the LLF raised their concerns regarding this proposal and you can find this information in more detail in the minutes.

*Cambourne to Cambridge*

Key points highlighted was biodiversity and visual impact; the price of the land for option 3a; alignment and if it would consider the north of the A428, amongst others.

There were nine proposals from members of the LLF to take forward to Executive Board.

There will be a Consultation in November, so please keep an eye out for this and send your response. The more people involved the better.

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



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## **Cambridgeshire Community Foundation**

Cambridgeshire Community Foundation manages grants for a range of organisations across the county, from public sector bodies, national and local businesses, and sole benefactors. They distribute grants within the following programmes, which fit well with the aims of our Innovation Fund:

- Children, young people and families
- Adults facing life crisis
- Health
- The Natural Environment
- Community Development/Engagement

The Council wishes to encourage innovation and new ideas, so all bids would be considered if they can demonstrate that they will be able to:

- build capacity within the community to help others, thus helping the community to become more resilient;
- demonstrate the social value of the actions they undertake, and the impact on outcomes for the most vulnerable people in our communities.

<https://www.cambscf.org.uk/home.html>

## **Meeting Head teacher of Comberton Academy trust**

I met with Stephen Munday, Chief Executive for the trust. We spoke about challenges of academies which are very similar to the rest of the schools, housing for staff, retention, curriculum, mental health; and opportunities, apprenticeships, work experiences, improvement of grades, etc.

At the end we both agreed that Education is the most important area of our society.

## **Mental health**

I am committed to raising awareness and working with organisations in order to improve the current provision of mental health across the County with the main focus being schools and teachers. I will be meeting lead officers from main Mental Health organisations, residents and County Council departments such as Public Health.



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## Public Transport

The next South Cambridgeshire District Council full council meeting is on Thursday 28 Sept (next week). The agenda will be published later today. In that agenda, you will see a Motion, proposed by Cllr Tim Wotherspoon (cc'd), saying:

*"This Council resolves to partner with the County Council, the City Council, the Combined Authority and the Greater Cambridge Partnership (in the hope and expectation that they will each be willing to do so) to undertake a comprehensive review of bus services in and around the District and the wider area (and not just to/from Cambridge), in order to assess how significant short- and long-term improvements can be made for the benefit of our residents, employees, employers, students, patients, leisure-travellers and all others; and, to signal it's keenness for this review to take place, and as soon as possible, hereby allocates £50,000 to co-fund such a review".*

## Charities

I participated in the Hardwick Fun Run. They are raising funds for upgrading their play equipment. If you would like to be involved or donate please let me know.

As much as possible I support Charities, if you would like me to attend an event in your area I would love to be involved.

-----Press releases -----

## Call for a fairer deal on Adult Social Care for Cambridgeshire

A local council is calling for a fairer deal on funding for adult social care services from Government.

The call comes from Cambridgeshire County Council ahead of further consultation on a national funding formula this month.

Over the next five years, the number of older residents living in shire counties, such as Cambridgeshire, is set to rise at an annual average of 2 per cent, compared to the national average of 1.8 per cent, placing potentially further strain on adult social care services.



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Shire Counties have also been subject to the largest reductions in estimated cash funding of any local authority type of over 20 per cent between 2013-16, despite having the fastest growing elderly population. In total, Shire Counties received £1.98 billion less funding in 2015-16 compared to other types of local authorities.

To deal with budgetary pressures, Cambridgeshire County Council is very focused on innovation and transformation in adult services and making sure the people of Cambridgeshire get the best possible value from every pound spent.

The Council has over the last two years found a number of ways in which we can help deliver services earlier at a lower cost and so reduce reliance on statutory support through better use of technology, adaptations and equipment in the home and by providing early help.

However, a fair deal for Cambridgeshire could provide more services to support older people, adults with learning disabilities and mental health needs live safely in their own homes and in their local communities. Also additional placements in care and nursing settings when this is needed.

Cambridgeshire County Councillor Steve Count, Leader of the Council, said: "One of our top priorities is to ensure that we can improve outcomes and safe guard the health and wellbeing of vulnerable adults and their carers that need our adult social care services. We have been successfully transforming our adult social care services over the last two years, but we need Government to recognise there is a substantial funding shortfall and that these services, both locally and across the country, are under strain. Government needs to give Cambridgeshire a fair deal so we can use this extra funding to give those adults requiring our social care services the support and help they need.

"We are working with other County Councils across the UK to ask our MPs to take a message to the government to make changes to their Funding Formula plans so we can receive a fair deal."

## **Special School being built**

Parents and residents are invited to find out more about a new special school being built in Cambridgeshire.

Applications have been received from potential sponsors to run and manage the school which is being built by Cambridgeshire County Council on the Alconbury Weald development.

This school will have 110 places and will serve children and young people aged 3 - 19 with complex special educational needs living in the development and the surrounding area.



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A public meeting is taking place in the Hall at The Club Building, Alconbury Enterprise Campus, on Tuesday, September 19 from 7pm-8.30pm.

Members of the public will have the chance to speak to representatives from each sponsor about their proposals and ask questions.

Cllr Simon Bywater, Chairman of the Children and Young People Committee, said: "This is a great opportunity to come along and hear more about the sponsors' proposals for this new special school. We're committed to making sure there is provision for children and young people with special educational needs in Cambridgeshire and helping them to progress with their learning. I would encourage parents to go along and hear about these exciting proposals."

The public meeting will be followed by an independent member/officer panel that will meet on October 2 to identify the preferred sponsor and make a recommendation to the County Council's Children and Young People Committee.

Details of all the proposals received, and the County Council's preference, will be sent to the Secretary of State who will make the final decision on who will be the sponsor of the new school.

Once completed, the Alconbury Weald development will include up to 5,000 houses, three primary schools with a total of 1,700 places, a 1,200-pupil secondary school plus sixth form provision and the new special school. The first primary school, Ermine Street, opened in September 2016 and is run by The Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust (DEMAT).

The £15 million investment for design and construction is being funded by Cambridgeshire County Council combination of basic need allocations, developer contributions and other County Council resources.

For more information, visit <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-&-learning/school-changes-&-consultations/new-special-school-at-alconbury-weald/>

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The next Full Council will be 17<sup>th</sup> of October starting at 10am.

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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