

## Monthly report for parish and community councils Aug 2016

For the Cottenham, Histon and Impington (CH&I) county council division of Cambridgeshire which also includes King's Meadow, Oakington & Westwick, Orchard Park and Rampton.

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### Full Council meeting

There was no council meeting in August.

### Committee meetings and other council matters

There were no serious decision making committee meetings during August. We can expect a full set in September.

The City Deal Joint Assembly however did meet and in an attempt to head off too much criticism of the phase 1 plans (see also below) it 'RECOMMENDED that the Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board made a commitment to having an aspiration for an avenue of mature flowering trees in green verges on each side of Milton Road, consistent with bus reliability and high-quality cycling infrastructure provision'. The City Deal Executive has subsequently (1 Sep 16) NOTED this.

Note that there is increasing disquiet about the proposals for phase 1 of the City Deal (<http://bit.ly/2bMfO8j>). The related consultation continues (see below).

I met the Chair of the Peterborough City Council Health Scrutiny to agree joint scrutiny by the two councils of the proposed merger of Hinchingsbrooke and Peterborough hospital trusts.

Note that an NHS issue has emerged during the month viz the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group's (the CCG) review of urgent and emergency care. A related document talking of 'hospital closures' was leaked and made public by a local MP. There has been much publicity, open meetings have been hastily arranged and I met the CCG's Chief Exec together with the Leader of the County Council (go to <http://bit.ly/2bOyk15> for a short summary). The scrutiny arm of the Health Committee will be looking at how the CCG has got itself into this mess and checking its approach to ensure that full account of patients' interests is being taken.

### Consultations relevant to this division

There's a survey (<http://bit.ly/2aCgbkU>) of selected professionals from within CCC teams/services and external partner agencies across Cambridgeshire to better understand the views and experiences of professionals with regard to Think Family working. This survey has just closed (4 Sep 16).

There's an ongoing consultation (<http://bit.ly/2abv5xs>) about Direct Payment Support Service for Cambridgeshire. The Council is consulting with anyone (service users, the public or professionals) who has used the current service or has thoughts on what would make a good service for in the future. This consultation runs until 18 Sep 16.

There's also the continuing consultation (<http://bit.ly/2aAp4tt>) on the City Deal proposals for tackling peak-time congestion in Cambridge. These include the Histon Road proposals and much else besides. It runs until 10 Oct 16.

The annual survey to schools for them to share information with their governing bodies or management to ensure statutory duties regarding safeguarding and child protection are being fulfilled (<http://bit.ly/2apM4fs>) runs until 14 Oct.

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There's one new consultation on proposed changes to sexual health and contraception services in Cambridgeshire (<http://bit.ly/2cc3DkD>) which runs until 14 Sep 16.

A second new consultation a healthy weight strategy to address the high level of unhealthy weight found in our local population (<http://bit.ly/2bPB2AE>) runs until 14 Oct 16.

### More local matters

I attended a meeting between Cottenham Parish Council and Stagecoach to review options to improve the bus service for Cottenham.

I attended a meeting between Cottenham Parish Council and the CCG to review options to improve primary medical care in the village. The meeting was also useful to consider similar options for Histon & Impington.

I attended the City Deal's Histon Road Local Liaison Forum.

I attended a briefing with County Officers regarding new primary school capacity in Histon & Impington and Cottenham.

### Diary (next public meetings)

1 Sep	1000	*Economy & Environment Committee	Share Hall, Cambridge
1 Sep	1430	Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board	Meadows Community Centre
1 Sep	1000	Planning Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
7 Sep	1400	Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel	Peterborough Town Hall
8 Sep	1400	*Health Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
13 Sep	1000	Highways & Community Infrastructure	Share Hall, Cambridge
13 Sep	1400	Children and Young People Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
15 Sep	1400	Adults and Wellbeing Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
15 Sep	1000	*Health & Wellbeing Board	Shire Hall, Cambridge
16 Sep	1000	*Assets & Investments Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
20 Sep	1400	*General Purposes Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
29 Sep	1000	Greater Cambridge City Deal Assembly	South Cambs, Cambourne
18 Oct	1030	Full Council	Shire Hall, Cambridge

\*committees of which I am a member; note these may change. I am Chair of the Health Com.

And finally ... we seem to have had a good summer as far as August has been concerned and that's vindicated my policy of staying at home during this time of year. I'm of an age now of course when my children are off the payroll and I can take my vacations during school terms times when the weather's less good here. This year I was able to take advantage of the good weather in August because my son's been back home from Australia and we've been visiting and photographing places closer to home. We've had an excellent trip to Norwich and the Norfolk coast and we've spent time reminding ourselves of the historic connections of Cambridge. We visited some of its museums which are going to be essential amenities when we're visited by grandchildren.