

# Monthly report for parish and community councils Dec 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 a full council meeting in December. [Click here](#) for my account. Two motions were passed with an immediate impact on our communities. One reinstated gritting routes omitted when the gritting map was redrawn earlier this year ([click here](#) for my thoughts on that), the other reversed the overnight street light switch off decision.

## Committee meetings and other council matters

General Purposes: there were no key decisions however the committee did consider several 'transformation fund' bids. This fund has been set up to enable significant changes to take place in council practice and thereby to deliver substantial savings. Many exciting projects are coming forward but why on earth this did not happen sooner. At the end of the meeting the committee went into a private session to consider comments which I had regarding the Guided Bus situation.

Adults: there were no key decisions.

Children & Young People: there were no key decisions.

Economy & Environment: there were several key decisions. The committee approved the construction of the Abbey to Chesterton cycle/footbridge ([click here](#) for more info). It also approved allocations for spending the 'integrated transport block', that's the specific government grant funding for transport schemes.

The City Deal Joint Executive Board met. Its focus was on western orbital bus routes and priorities for Tranche 2 (this despite Tranche 1 being not yet signed off and due for some debate I imagine early in 2017). The Assembly also met and noted that it expected reports on the Milton Road and Histon Road schemes at its Mar 17 meeting.

Highways & Community Infrastructure: there were two key decisions. One related to the funding of Medical Examiners and the other to the real-time passenger information (RTPI) offering. The latter is run with other authorities and it was agreed to continue this and to procure a new contract.

Assets & Investments: there was one key decision regarding the acquisition of new offices in Huntingdon to house CCC's Highways staff and its new highways contractor

Health: there were no key decisions. However in its scrutiny role the committee began to look at the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), it looked at GP capacity and planning thereof and had a first sight of plans to consult on changes to the provision of fertility services.

Planning: there were no items on the agenda relating to Cottenham, Histon & Impington.

There was no meeting of the Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel. The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority met to agree next steps regarding the development of a business case for 'closer collaboration'.

The Shadow Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority met for the first time. It was a largely procedural meeting in which County Council leader Steve Count was appointed chair.

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### Consultations relevant to this division

Consultation	Purpose	Due date and link
2-year-old check and assessment in Cambridgeshire	To consult parents with children aged 2-3 years who have participated in the Integrated Review.	06 Jan 17 <a href="http://bit.ly/2eoerd2">http://bit.ly/2eoerd2</a>
Survey of Adult Carers in England (SACE)	This survey has been developed to learn more about whether services received by carers are helping them in their caring role	17 Feb 17 <a href="http://bit.ly/2ftpxlr">http://bit.ly/2ftpxlr</a>

### More local matters

Officers have advised that they will recommend that CCC work with Cambridgeshire Primary Education Trust (CPET) to build a new primary school at Buxhall Farm.

Histon library has reopened after refurbishment which will include installing a new staff desk, rewiring and re-carpeting. Much thanks to the Friends and the Red Lion Beer Festival

CCC and Histon & Impington Parish Council have agreed actions to move forward ideas to better support older people in the community.

The Histon Road Local Liaison Forum met again and will have one final meeting to finalise its input to the City Deal Assembly (see above) 9 Jan 17.

### Diary (next public meetings)

10 Jan	1400	*General Purposes Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
12 Jan	1400	*Health Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
12 Jan	1000	*Economy & Environment Committee	Share Hall, Cambridge
17 Jan	1400	Children and Young People Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
17 Jan	1000	Highways & Community Infrastructure	Shire Hall, Cambridge
18 Jan	1000	Greater Cambridge City Deal Assembly	South Cambs, Cambourne
19 Jan	1400	Adults and Wellbeing Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
19 Jan	1000	Planning Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
19 Jan	1000	*Health & Wellbeing Board	Pathfinder House, Huntingdon
25 Jan	1430	Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board	Meadows Community Centre
27 Jan	1000	*Assets & Investments Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
1 Feb	1400	Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel	Peterborough Town Hall
9 Feb	1400	Cambridgeshire Fire Authority	Hinchingbrooke Park
21 Feb	1330	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 ... pundits are forever telling us that one of the problems with the UK is our low productivity. Evidently you can measure it and we compare poorly with the USA on the one hand and other countries in Europe on the other. I'm not sure if it's true in factories because I've seen some pretty impressive automated production lines but I can believe it when it comes to services. I despair at the inability of the average UK barista to multi-task and I'm sure that many of our professions are riddled with inefficiencies because of long entrenched practices. But there is another angle and that's the number of days that we work. Not so long ago those days between Xmas and New Year were working days, no more. That takes a percent or two out of our productive capacity.