

## Monthly report for parish and community councils Jan 2017

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 meeting in January. February sees the 'big one' as it's the meeting to approve the budget and set the council tax. It's not going to be easy (see General Purposes Committee below)

### Committee meetings and other council matters

General Purposes: there was only one significant item on the agenda viz to recommend a budget for the next council meeting to debate. It failed in a way which does not reflect well on the committee. [Click here](#) for my view of the meeting.

Adults, Assets & Investments and Economy & Environment: there were no key decisions.

Children & Young People: there were two key decisions. The first related to a project to convert a Council-owned community arts building in North Cambridge into a state-of-the-art National Centre for Research and Engagement in Arts, Technology and Education. The second related to the provision of a second secondary school in Wisbech. There was one other decision of interest viz to fund a new primary school in Histon. This was agreed along with an amendment requiring CCC to work with Histon & Impington Parish Council during its detailed planning and delivery.

The City Deal Joint Executive Board met. It formalised its rejection of a key elements of its city access congestion reduction proposals viz the peak-time congestion control points. It approved continued work on other elements. It will address the Histon and Milton Road plans at its March meeting.

Highways & Community Infrastructure: there was one key decision relating to the merger of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's respective Trading Standards departments.

Health: there was one key decision relating to the School Nursing, Health Visiting and Family Nurse Partnership. This is another service being delivered in partnership with Peterborough and you've got to think there seems to be some sort of merger of the two councils taking place. The committee also received a paper on health inequalities which graphically demonstrated the correlation between these and levels in deprivation across the county. In its scrutiny role it endorsed the consultation about the proposed move of the Out of Hours Service from Chesterton to Addenbrooke's, it continued to review the Sustainability & Transformation Program, and it received a first presentation from the Ambulance Trust following its recent Care Quality Commission inspection.

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

The Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel met and agreed a balanced budget and no increase in precept. The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority did not meet.

The Shadow Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority met for a second time. It was again largely procedural meeting. Subsequently CCC leader Steve Count has resigned as chair.

### Consultations relevant to this division

Consultation	Purpose	Due date and link
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>

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SEND specialist services Parent/Carer Feedback Survey	This is for the parents and carers of children and young people whose SEND Specialist Services have been terminated	14 Apr 17 <a href="http://bit.ly/2lc7Fv2">http://bit.ly/2lc7Fv2</a>
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### More local matters

The Histon Road Local Liaison Forum met again and again and has now finalised its input to the City Deal Assembly (see above) 9 Jan 17.

I joined Orchard Park community councillors with the local police sergeant about a long awaited program to tackle low level crime in the community.

I joined the Cambridge Ahead conference and was somewhat taken aback by the forecast of 7%/year for economic growth in and around Cambridge.

I have started a dialogue about bus services to the new railway station.

I have asked for meetings with the police and the Guided Bus people about continued high levels of cycle theft at Guided Bus stops

I have given guidance to parish and community councils submitting bids for LHI (local highways initiative) bids. These went before the panel 30/31 Jan 17.

### Diary (next public meetings)

9 Feb	1000	*Economy & Environment Committee	Share Hall, Cambridge
9 Feb	1400	Cambridgeshire Fire Authority	Hinchingbrooke Park
14 Feb	1330	Full Council	Shire Hall, Cambridge
16 Feb	1000	Planning Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
21 Feb	1000	Highways & Community Infrastructure	Shire Hall, Cambridge
22 Feb	1000	Shadow C&P Combined Authority	Pathfinder House, Huntingdon
24 Feb	1000	*Assets & Investments Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
28 Feb	1400	Children and Young People Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
1 Mar	1000	Greater Cambridge City Deal Assembly	SCDC offices, Cambourne
8 Mar	1430	Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board	Meadows Community Centre
9 Mar	1400	Adults and Wellbeing Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
15 Mar	1400	Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel	Peterborough Town Hall
16 Mar	1400	*Health Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
21 Mar	1400	*General Purposes Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
30 Mar	1000	*Health & Wellbeing Board	SCDC offices, Cambourne

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

And finally ... I referred above to a Health Com report (<http://bit.ly/2kaoq8Y>) on health inequalities and the relationship between them and broader measures of deprivation. You've only got to look at these to understand what a heterogeneous county Cambridgeshire is. My Health Com work takes me to Wisbech and I see a community with a wonderful heritage but one which has suffered from lack of investment ([click here](#) for a recent view) and which is simply cut off with poor transport links. Contrast that with the optimism at the Cambridge Ahead ([www.cambridgeahead.co.uk](http://www.cambridgeahead.co.uk)) conference and the planning application from the White Brasserie Company to convert the Boot in Histon ([www.whitebrasserie.com](http://www.whitebrasserie.com)). Such are the differences which have shaped recent election results.