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April Report 2019

Dear all,

I started to speak with some of the Chairs before their Parish meeting. I would like to make this a regular 1:1 time for your Chair to highlight any county issues. Of course, any other Councillor can contact me. Please please please do get in touch if you have a question, issue, project you would like me to know about.

### **Minerals and Waste Plan 2036**

This plan supports the growth of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough as it's a joint plan. The plan is flexible and takes account of housing growth and other infrastructure projects such as A14 upgrade.

- Sand and gravel are the main material taken but also brick clay.
- The plan is currently being put together. It has not been adopted yet.
- Construction, demolition and excavation is almost 60% of the total percentage of waste we need to deal with.
- We do not have a capacity issue with our waste.
- Currently 9 mineral allocations. None in this area.
- Further information will be included in local plan.
- Consultation is started! Please share your views::  
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/planning-and-development/planning-policy/emerging-minerals-and-waste-local-plan/>

### **Think Communities and Spokes model**

The Cambs 2020 programme:

Vision: *“A dynamic accommodation solution that facilitates the delivery of better and integrated services closer to our communities; a solution that embraces change and equips a flexible workforce to deliver efficiently and effectively from multiple, welcoming locations.”*

- Two primary workstreams: (i) the disposal of Shire Hall and the creation of a new ‘hub’ at Alconbury Weald; and (ii) the establishment of a place-based approach to service delivery including the creation of ‘spokes’ as bases for our staff to operate within communities
- Good progress is being made to confirm our spokes arrangements, which align completely to the Think Communities approach
- To support our approach to Think Communities, the ways in which we use our buildings is pivotal to a successfully reformed public service delivery model. We want our staff to be based in the heart of the communities they are here to serve, to fully understand the needs and assets within those communities, and to be best placed to achieve the key objectives of Think Communities – improving outcomes and delaying or preventing demand for statutory services.

### **Domestic Abuse**

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have been successful in gaining £1.6m of additional resource for Domestic Abuse Sexual Violence work over 18 months. This has been through the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Domestic Abuse Fund and the Home Office Fund for Children Affected by Domestic Abuse.



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**Home Office Fund to Support Children who have Experienced Domestic Abuse (CADA) £891k** was awarded in October 2018 for children in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, which amounted to 11% of the total available funding nationally.

The core focus will be on ensuring that children (aged 0-18) are identified and can access specialist, community-based services which provide one to one and group therapeutic- focused counselling services to improve their mental health and prevent further escalation of risk and need. There will be provision to support the recovery between the child and the protective parent/victim, in order that they are able to recover together.

### South Cambridgeshire

One of my conservative colleagues in South Cambridge has successfully put a motion regarding the organisation’s policy to support staff facing the stress of neo-natal and premature birth. They will be provided with more paid leave. This might seem something small but for those parents going through their new-born being born prematurely is extremely stressful and this will take one thing out of their minds, the financial/work related impact.

### Combined Authority

**Draft Local Transport Plan** is being developed. The picture below is Steven Bishop, Head of Transport Strategy and Economics Steer.

**Draft vision, goals and objectives**

Our vision is to deliver a world-class transport network for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough that supports the sustainable growth and health and wellbeing of our communities, providing opportunities for all

Economic	Social	Environmental
Deliver economic growth and opportunity for all our communities	Provide an accessible transport system to ensure everyone can thrive and be healthy	Enhance our environment and tackle climate change together
<b>Objectives</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support new housing and development to accommodate a growing population and workforce, and address housing affordability issues</li> <li>Connect all new and existing communities sustainably so all residents can easily access a good job, spreading the region's prosperity</li> <li>Ensure all of our region's businesses and tourist attractions are connected sustainably to our main transport hubs, ports and airports</li> <li>Build a resilient and adaptive network that is less susceptible to human and environmental disruption, improve journey time reliability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Embed a safe systems approach into all planning and transport operations to achieve Vision Zero – zero fatalities or serious injuries</li> <li>Promote social inclusion through the provision of a sustainable transport network that is affordable and accessible for all</li> <li>Provide 'healthy streets' and high-quality public realm that puts people first and promotes active lifestyles</li> <li>Ensure transport initiatives improve air quality across the region to exceed good practice standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver a transport network that protects and enhances our natural, historic and built environments</li> <li>Reduce emissions to as close to zero as possible to minimise the impact of transport and travel on climate change</li> </ul>

  

**Draft Local Transport Plan structure**

- Section 1 – Overview of the Local Transport Plan**
  - What is a Local Transport Plan?
    - Context
    - How it has been developed
    - How to engage and next steps
  - How does it relate to other policies and plans?
  - Transport governance across the region
  - Progress since the last Local Transport Plan(s)
  - Evidence base – transport issues and opportunities
  - Vision and objectives
  - Key schemes and initiatives
- Section 2 – Local Transport Plan Strategies**
  - Overarching strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
  - Local Planning Authority based strategies (building on Local Plans, existing strategy and GCP work)
- Section 3 – Local Transport Plan Policies**
- Section 4 – Phased Delivery Plans/Funding and Financing**
  - To be developed during the consultation period

All sections will be supported by maps, figures and infographics  
Written in plain English with a Glossary for where more technical / specialist terms do need to be used  
Technical documents will be included in annexes to keep main document concise and compelling  
Printed and online versions will be available (e.g. libraries and civic offices) and a summary version produced



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**Good news:**

**Working with SAT providers.** Making sure the routes are updated and Heavy Commercial Vehicles follow the right route and not going through our villages routes which are not adequate for this movement.

They continue to work on the Strategic Bus Review. Rural network should be operated through either 'enhanced partnership' arrangements or, if unsuccessful, franchising powers.

I raised also that they need to consult closely with parishes for routes as you are the local experts and it's extremely important your knowledge is used!



**Meeting local businesses:**

This year I will be going around and visiting more local businesses. I believe we should buy local and support them. Otherwise, local businesses will close down and will be dearly missed. They play a very important role in our communities and it's a responsibility of all. However, it is also about sustainability. Local businesses are much more sustainable than larger corporations. If you haven't heard about Cambridge Sustainable Food than please take a look at their website. I am involved with them indirectly and they are fantastic! <https://www.cambridgesustainablefood.org/directory/>

I use local businesses in my area and I started chatting with someone who works in one of the businesses and they see the bus route with positive eyes. They believe it will boost their trade and this is good news for them. Just another perspective that I haven't come across.



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A select group of apprentices from across Cambridgeshire gathered in Alconbury Weald yesterday to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week 2019 and the positive impact apprenticeships have on local businesses.

The event, sponsored by Urban&Civic Plc and delivered by Cambridgeshire County Council, with the help of LGSS Learning and Development, was organised to recognise and celebrate apprentices in this county.

Apprentices, and their employers, who live and work in Cambridgeshire were invited to come and share their experiences. They also had the opportunity to participate in two free workshops focusing on the key skills needed to support their End Point Assessments, including tips on compiling a portfolio and how to prepare for a professional discussion.

“Blaze a Trail” has been the theme for the 12<sup>th</sup> National Apprenticeship Week, and this annual celebration helps to highlight the fantastic opportunities that apprenticeships bring not just to individuals but to businesses and the wider economy.

Along with employers in the region, a selection of students from local schools were invited to attend the event, to learn about the career opportunities an apprenticeship can offer and support blazing a trail for future generations.

Hosted by Cllr Ian Bates with an opening address by Gillian Beasley, Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council, the Apprenticeship Celebration showcased the breadth of different apprenticeship opportunities available in Cambridgeshire.

Apprentices from Marshall AeroAcademy spoke about their experiences as did a selection of representatives from RG Carter Construction plus speakers from the Education and Training Foundation, Form the Future, and the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Gillian Beasley, Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council, said: “Apprenticeships are a very important subject for me, as they offer a ladder of opportunity and career progression, which helps to develop a motivated and highly qualified workforce, as well as a way of attracting new staff.

“Our challenge is to get the message out about what an apprentice can do for an organisation. We want to change the perceptions people have on what an apprenticeship is, and who takes them up, to encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to take up an apprenticeship and get on the path to a great career.”



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“This event has showcased the number of high quality of apprenticeship opportunities available, not just at the County Council but at all levels around the county in a huge variety of sectors such as aviation engineering, construction and management.”

CLLr Ian Bates, Cambridgeshire County Council’s newly appointed Member Champion for Apprenticeships, said: “National Apprenticeship Week is a chance to shout about all that is great about apprentices, their trainers and managers, on a national stage.

“Our event was organised to challenge attitudes towards apprenticeships. We want to increase awareness and take-up of Apprenticeships and Traineeships, and with students here from St Bede's School and Hinchingsbrook School, I hope we have encouraged them to research the wealth of opportunities facing young people leaving school, as there has never been a better time to get involved in apprenticeships.”

Tim Leathes, Development Director for Urban&Civic said: “Learning and skills are at the heart of Alconbury Weald and apprenticeships play a huge role in that: not just offering pathways into careers but also to upskill and retrain existing employees.

"For companies coming to the Enterprise Campus focused on advanced engineering, manufacturing and digital technologies, and for those working with us to build homes and infrastructure for the future, the fast changing technology and genuine skills challenges, mean apprenticeships have to be a key part of future planning.

"Events like today’s, as part of this important week, are part of our continued work with partners at the iMET Centre, our EDGE jobs and skills brokerage, and the new CITB construction training hub to make that a reality.”

To find out more about apprenticeships visit: <https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>.

#### **National Apprenticeship Week 2019 - 4 to 8 March 2019**

PHOTOS credit: Tom George (Young apprentices from across Cambridgeshire with CLLr Ian Bates (Member Apprentices Champion), Tim Leathes, Development Director for Urban&Civic and Kerry Louise Bishop, Learning & Development for LGSS.)





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**Local proposals/events:**

The Dragon Patcher has been repairing our roads in my division. Maybe you caught them on the spot. They are saving money, time and allows us to do many more potholes!

Most of my parishes now have defibrillators. If you are in the process, I am sure one of your neighbouring parishes can help with information and advice on what has worked for them.

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**Local Natural Partnership Board**

As you may already know I represent the Council in this outside body. You have over 10 organisations represented and it's always active, trying to push the natural agenda forward and upwards. Recently we have been able to launch a new website, please take a look at it. This is a very exciting milestone. [www.naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk](http://www.naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk)

**Events**

Please take a moment to review the diary and contact me if you have any questions in regards to any of the events listed or if you are aware of any other events that are taking place that are not listed. All events can also be found on our webpage at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/highway-events/>

**Funding portal**

Please do share this link with community groups that wish to find funding pots. <http://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/supportcambs>

**Highways**

A reminder that you can report road maintenance issues here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/>

**Hedges**

If you have an issue with hedges then they would be advised to log their complaint on our website <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/>

**Roadworks**

I had calls from residents regarding roadworks. If you would like to know what is happening in your area you can check in this website. [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org)

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Just to remind you that the public is very welcome to attend committee meetings and Full Council. You can find all the details [here](#).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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