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Cambridgeshire County Councillor
Hardwick Division

May Report 2019

Dear all,

This month I seconded a motion for putting in place an Environment and Climate Change Strategy. My full speech was sent to all of you and you can find on my Facebook page. We had extinction rebellion in the public gallery which made the meeting very interesting and entertaining. It's great to see people who care passionately and who express so emotionally their beliefs.

Clean Air in motion: Letter sent to all contractors

Following on from recent concerns raised in the National Press around high levels of vehicle emission pollution which is affecting the health of the public particularly around young people, the council has recognised that it must play its part in trying to reducing this risks where possible. Therefore as a council we wish to ensure that our contracted transport provision is setting the best possible example regarding vehicle's operating in and around our Schools and Day centre facilities.

*We are therefore requesting that when contracted transport vehicles are stationary on or near a School/Day centre site the vehicle engine is **SWITCHED OFF**, however short any wait may be. This is aimed to reducing emission levels at the point Children/ Service Users are boarding or alighting vehicles.*

We thank you for your support in reducing emitted emissions levels around these facilities.

Broadband

Cambridgeshire County Council has announced plans this week to extend the Connecting Cambridgeshire superfast broadband rollout to 5,300 more homes and businesses in harder to reach rural areas of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The Connecting Cambridgeshire superfast rollout has already reached over 97% of the county and is on track to achieve over 99% coverage in the next two years.

Openreach won a competitive procurement process to deliver the Phase 4 rollout contract and will use the latest Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) technology, capable of speeds of up to 1Gbps (Gigabit per second), which is future proof and more reliable. The work will be funded partly by over £10m gainshare - generated by higher take-up of faster broadband in the early stages of the programme - together with grants from the Government's Rural Broadband Infrastructure fund and the European Union.

Cambridgeshire libraries could take the national lead

Cambridgeshire is taking a lead role working in partnership with global social enterprise [Civic](#) to develop a 'Cambridgeshire Model' of future libraries across the county, aligned to our 'Think Communities' and Demand Management approach.

The proposed 'Cambridgeshire Model' programme offers a unique opportunity for the County Council to help boldly re-imagine and re-design the UK's 3,000 libraries, piloting it right from the heart of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.



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A report will be presented at the Communities and Partnerships Committee on 30 May and will recommend a shortlist of 5-10 libraries across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough where ideas will be designed, tested and refined before being rolled-out to all libraries over the three years of the project.

South Cambridgeshire

South Cambridgeshire District Council has removed the **SPORT grant** given to young people from across the district who wanted support to pursue a career in sport. Very sad news.

Combined Authority: Agri-Tech Growth Fund

Cambridge-based Xampla, a global leader in the creation of natural plastic alternatives made from plant protein, has been awarded a £60,000 grant by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

The grant, which is part of the [Agri-Tech Growth Fund](#), will aid the development of an entirely new class of biomaterial made from pea protein plants which is organic, clean label, natural, food grade, with no synthetic crosslinking, is biocompatible and biodegradable. Xampla aim to design and manufacture the pea plant protein to supply the food and drink industry.

Xampla has developed an entirely new material, made from plant protein. It's totally natural, with no synthetic ingredients, biodegradable and biocompatible. Based on ground breaking research at Cambridge, Xampla's UK based team has developed innovative processes to create products and solutions based on Supramolecular Engineered Protein (SEP).

This is really exciting! I am not saying this because I am a vegan...well maybe a bit bias...



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 met with the owner of COFCO, Duncan, and they do a fabulous job in promoting food sustainability, buying local and being simply green with their electric vans! I buy from them a box of fruit and veg but you can get other things as well from producers across Cambridgeshire. Take a look:

www.cofco.co.uk



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Are you receiving the Cambridgeshire Matters news? If you do not please let me know. The information provided is very varied and useful.

Local proposals/events:

Strawberries and Cream Festival - Saturday 15th June 2019

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.

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

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/supportcamb>

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
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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

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,

Lina

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