

County councillor's monthly report for September 2019

For the Histon and Impington (H&I) county council division of Cambridgeshire which also includes King's Meadow and Orchard Park.

A little more action with first committee meetings after the summer break.

Full Council meeting

There was no meeting. The next one is in October.

Committee meetings and other council matters

Adults: there were two key decisions. One related to a consultation about proposed changes to what people pay for council services. See the consultation link below. The other was to agree an update to the agreement whereby Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Foundation Trust delivers mental health services on behalf of the Council under a Section 75 agreement. There were also a couple of secret items on the agenda.

Children & Young People: there was one key decision whereby the Council will support a feasibility study for the redevelopment of Ramsey Abbey School.

General Purposes: the committee met; the agenda was short with no key decisions.

Highways & Infrastructure: the committee approved its winter service (that's gritting to you and me) plan. Fortunately the B1049, Park Lane, High Street and Impington Lane, and Cottenham Road/Station Road/Cambridge Road are all priority gritting routes. There's a map online. Note that a new e-permit scheme is in place for the household waste site. Apply online at <http://bit.ly/355EKQh>.

Commercial & Investment: the committee met twice. The first time was a regular meeting when there was one key decision relating to the appointment of an energy project delivery contractor. There was also the inevitable secret session for it to review This Land's performance and the Heads of Terms for the disposal of Shire Hall. The second meeting was a pre-meet before the This Land AGM to agree voting positions. The AGM itself was secret but I'll venture to say that one resolution was not supported.

Planning, Communities & Partnerships: these committees did not meet.

Economy & Environment: another non-meeting with the committee meeting to comment on consultations.

Health: there was one key decision viz to agree to continue to support the falls prevention program from reserves. In its scrutiny role the committee looked at the Clinical Commissioning Groups' financial plan (it is in dire straits).

The Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive did not meet. The Assembly met and, inter alia, supported the Histon Road bus, cycling and walking improvements final design.

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority and most of its committees met.

The Health & Well Being Board core joint sub-committee met to approve the Better Care Fund plan for 2020. The whole system joint sub-committee met immediately afterwards and reviewed several reports.

The Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel and the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority did not meet.

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Consultations relevant to this division (and elsewhere)

Consultation	Purpose/object	Due date and link
Accommodation and support for young people at risk of homelessness	to make sure that we are funding a range of services that will help young people and which they will want to use,	15 Nov 19 http://bit.ly/31Q0kpH
Proposed changes to the Council's Adult Social Care charging policy	to find out how five proposed changes to the Council's charging policy will affect people currently receiving council services	15 Dec 19 http://bit.ly/2OptjwX

More local matters

I met council officers, parish councillors and local residents on site to look at the state of Station Road after the recent footpath improvements.

The A14 people continued to misbehave. Read my open letter at <https://wp.me/p7tuu7-1T5>.

I met council officers to review a recent social services issue.

I joined a meeting with local residents and council officers to review cycling relating to the plans for Buxhall Farm primary school

I facilitated and attended a meeting with council officers and parish councillors to look at options for the use of the Infants' School site when it has been vacated.

And finally ... we're starting to see the changes we've been waiting for in our community over the summer. Firstly the redevelopment of the Station site is now well underway and so far the developers seem to be taking great care of the station building itself. The Station Sidings site finally has its planning permission and I've been told that demolition of the old Bishop's building is 'imminent'. On the High Street we've sadly seen the closure of Lighthouse Toys but there is now good news as its new tenants will be Print Out which will vacate its units on the school Hill site.

3 Oct	1000	Planning Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
3 Oct	1600	Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board	SCDC offices, Cambourne
8 Oct	1400	Children and Young People Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
8 Oct	1000	Highways & Community Infrastructure	Shire Hall, Cambridge
9 Oct	1400	Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel	HDC office, Huntingdon
10 Oct	1000	Communities & Partnership	Cambridgeshire Archives, Ely
12 Oct	1400	Adults Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
15 Oct	1030	Full Council	Shire Hall, Cambridge
17 Oct	1400	Health Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
17 Oct	1000	Economy & Environment Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
18 Oct	1000	*Commercial & Investments Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
22 Oct	1000	*General Purposes Committee	Shire Hall, Cambridge
30 Oct	1000	C&P Combined Authority	City Council, Peterborough
7 Nov	1400	Cambridgeshire Fire Authority	Hinchingbrooke Park
21 Nov	1400	Greater Cambridge Partnership Assembly	Shire Hall, Cambridge
28 Nov	1000	Health & Wellbeing Board	Shire Hall, Cambridge

*committees of which I am currently a member; these may change. Note that the Council's diary is online https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccs_live/Meetings.aspx.