

County Councillor report - Sawston & Shelford Division

(includes Sawston, Little and Great Shelfords, Stapleford, Babraham, South Trimpington, Hauxton, Harston, Newton and Haslingfield)

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June 2022 update

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the County Council took place on Tuesday 10 May. Cllrs Stephen Ferguson and Sebastian Kindersley were re-elected as Chair and ViceChair respectively.

A number of motions for debate were agreed, covering:

- tracking of progress of previous council motions
- school transport policies for special educational needs and disabilities
- street planters and green bus stops
- increasing recycling

STRATEGY & RESOURCES

Senior leadership review

The Chief Executive has launched a period of internal consultation on his proposals for reorganisation of the council's senior staffing structure. He states that the proposals 'will provide the Council with a clear and sustainable leadership structure, teams that are aligned and sit well together and are positioned to tackle the challenges we face, as well as providing the compassionate and inclusive leadership that this the organisation both needs and deserves'.

Anti-racism charter

Cambridgeshire County Council is the first upper-tier local authority in the country to sign up to Unison's Anti-Racism Charter.

<https://eastern.unison.org.uk/content/uploads/sites/7/2022/02/Anti-racismcharter.pdf>

ADULTS & HEALTH

Health & Wellbeing Board

The Council has been grappling with the national changes in health decision-making structures brought about by the introduction of Integrated Care Systems. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have chosen to address this by creating a joint Health & Wellbeing Board to replace the previous separate Cambridgeshire Board and Peterborough Board, and a joint Integrated Care Partnership, with mostly overlapping membership and with shared agendas.

ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT

Green Investment Advisory Group

The Council's Green Investment Advisory Group—a group of councillors maintaining an overview of the Council's energy projects—has had its remit expanded to include considering the environmental impact of the Council's utilities procurements such as electricity, gas, and water.

Food delivery robots

Food delivery robots are taking to the streets of Cambourne as part of a pilot between Cambridgeshire County Council and Starship Technologies. Twelve thousand residents will benefit from quick deliveries from their local Co-op by a fleet of Starship's robots. The project began on 17 May and is part of the Council's environmental agenda to reduce the number of short car journeys and improve air quality.

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

20MPH policy

The working group I mentioned in last month's report has now begun meeting to draw up criteria for applications for 20MPH limits and zones. These are expected to be completed in the next few months.

HGV policy

I am now expecting a draft revision of the Council's policy on heavy goods vehicles to be considered by the Highways & Transport Committee in the autumn.

Streetworks:

- 5-7 July 00:15-04:30am G Shelford level crossing shut
- 25 July -5 August Cycle lane on Cambridge Road, Great Shelford as lies between Davey Crescent and Hobsons Acre will be suspended for carrying out water works
- 9-10 August 01:45 – 04:15am Hauxton/L Shelford level crossing closed for inspection
- 17 August 00:15-04:30 Harston/Newton (Newton Rd – Cambridge Rd – London Rd – A10 – Station Rd) closed to carry out work as per the 2021 LHI scheme

GUESTS FROM UKRAINE UPDATE

We have made significant progress in recent weeks with the Homes for Ukraine scheme

- A total of 695 DBS checks have been completed on sponsors and guests, along with 612 accommodation checks carried out for safety
- Teams have also carried out 178 welfare checks 'in person' with refugees.
- A total of 169 school places have been allocated and last week saw the largest increase in allocations so far.
- Forty families have received contact from CCC's Easy Help Service for other support.
- Most families tell us they are in the process of registering with a GP, although a small number report that they are struggling to register with dentists.

South Cambridgeshire is one of the highest recipients of Ukrainian families under the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme – shows how generous and compassionate our residents are.

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