



Introduction

It was a privilege to be elected in the County Council elections in May 2021 to represent our local communities for the next four years.

The elections saw the Conservative Group lose its majority on Cambridgeshire County Council. The number of councillors elected for each political group was as follows:

Conservatives	28
Liberal Democrats	20
Labour	9
Independents	4

1. The Council

A new Joint Administration of Liberal Democrat, Labour and Independent councillors are now running the Council, and the three groups have signed an Agreement including a policy framework, protocols for working arrangements, and a new committee structure.

I am a member of the following committees at the Council:

- Full Council
- Lead Member, Liberal Democrat for **Communities, Social Mobility, and Inclusion Committee (CoSMIC)** incl. Panel member for Innovate and Cultivate Fund and member of Library Service Working Group,
- Member of the Children & Young People Committee, and
- Sub Member of the Environment & Green Investment Committee.

I also sit on the Needingworth Quarry Local Liaison Meeting, as a County Councillor representative for Over.

The new Joint Administration has been taking stock of the Council it has inherited. We invited in a 'peer challenge' panel of expert councillors and council officers from the Local Government Association to look at the operation of the Council and advise on priorities. They did so, and came back in spring this year to update on how we were doing. We also convened an Independent Remuneration Panel, as we are required to do, to review councillor allowances. Unlike the previous administration we agreed their recommendations unaltered.

The Council's Chief Executive retired during the year, and we appointed a new Chief Executive Stephen Moir who started in post in February 2022. Unlike his predecessor, Stephen will serve Cambridgeshire County Council only, not Peterborough too. This is part of a process of disentangling many of the joint staffing structures set up by the previous administration, so that we and they can focus on Cambridgeshire priorities.

2. Strategy and Resources

The new Council inherited a budget gap of £22.2m for this year. We managed to balance the budget this time, but very significant financial challenges lie ahead. The budget gap we inherited was set to rise to £86M by 2027, and our 'peer challenge' team identified this as an issue 'of significant magnitude'.

The Council increased its portion of Council Tax in February, by 1.99 per cent for general services, and three per cent for adult social care. This was a difficult decision to take during the current cost of living crisis, but many people struggling most with increased bills and prices are those who are most likely to need council services, and likely to pay a lower council tax increase. The Conservative opposition proposed an increase of three percent instead, with no increase for general services.

The Council's budget for this year included a £14M 'Just Transition Fund' to tackle inequality, improve lives, and care for the environment.

The new Joint Administration commissioned an independent review of the Council's development company This Land. This found 'unusual' accounting practices and 'shortcomings [which] require immediate attention'. It said, 'Overall we do not consider that there is a full understanding within This Land of the level of risk exposure the business is under.' The review made a number of recommendations, most to be carried out within three months. The new administration also reviewed the financial model for the lease of the old Shire Hall building.

The County Council's Farms estate extends to 33,000 acres - the biggest public sector rural estate in England and Wales. The new Joint Administration is keen to reposition this asset not just as a source of rental income (important though that is) but also as a major part of our environmental and climate ambitions.

3. Adults & Health

One of the major changes the new administration made to the Council's committee system was to combine the former Adults Committee and Health Committee into a single committee, making the most of the close relationship between health provision and adult social care. The Committee has been working hard towards the introduction of the Government's Integrated Care System across health and care providers in Cambridgeshire. We also welcomed a new Director of Public Health, Jyoti Atri, into post.

The COVID pandemic has had a devastating effect in terms of loss of life, long-term health challenges, and the emotional impact on families. Workforce challenges in health and care are acute, as people are reassessing their careers and life choices. International recruitment has been adversely affected first by Brexit and then Covid. The Council has worked extensively with partner agencies to support the COVID effort, though with all precautions now removed in England case numbers have surged in recent months.

The Joint Administration has adopted a 'health in all policies' approach. We are investing in the development of 'Care Together', with Community Catalysts supporting local social care micro-enterprises as an alternative to large agency staff models and rolling out the Real Living Wage to social care workers. We have established increased support for unpaid carers, and expanded the Direct Payment option to more people. And we have invested further in the Enhanced Response Service as an alternative to reliance on an over-stretched A&E.

The Council has invested afresh in public health programmes, including more NHS health checks, and local grants for community wellbeing activities. It has also started to assess the impact of government reforms on our social care responsibilities, in which it's clear there will be very significant new responsibilities and costs without new funding.

4. Children & Young People

A major focus of this committee during the year was to ensure funding of vouchers over school holidays for families eligible for free school meals. This happened throughout 2021/22 and is guaranteed throughout 2022/23. The Council has also worked with local providers on to establish the Holiday Activity & Food programme for the children of families on benefits related free school meals. The numbers of children in Cambridgeshire eligible for free school meals has continued to increase significantly across the county - by 45% in South Cambridgeshire since March 2020.

The Council has carried out a high-profile drive to recruit more local foster carers and ensure more children and young people in care can remain within the county.

The national shortage of HGV drivers means the County Council has faced challenges in both home to school transport and school catering during the year, adding still more pressure for staff on top of Covid.

A motion from a Fenland councillor calling for a network of mental health hubs to meet the needs of young people received unanimous support from the Council. Work is beginning on putting this into practice.

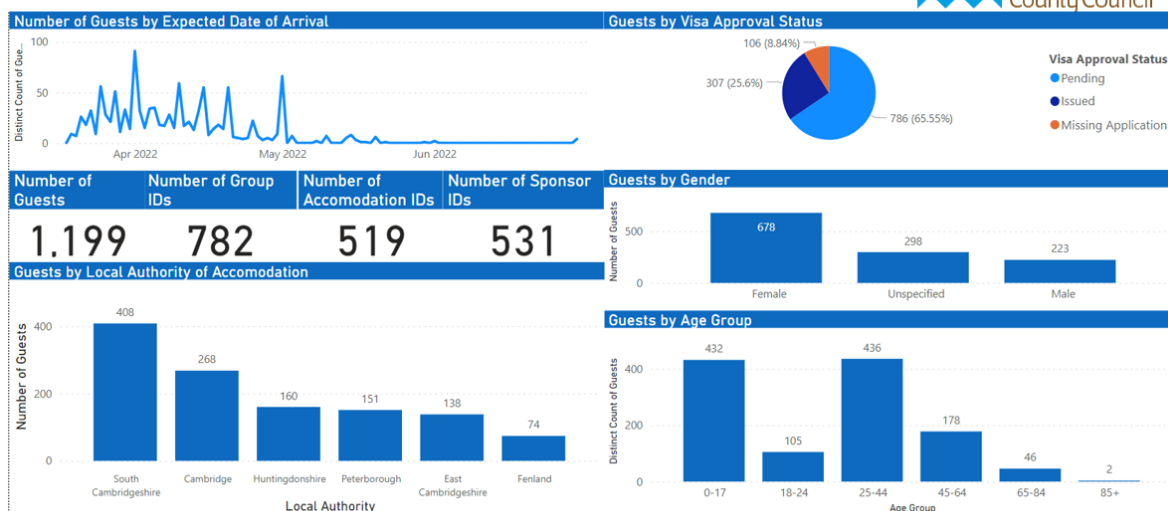
A full and comprehensive review of admission arrangements for all own admission authority schools has been agreed, to include the published definitions of existing school catchment areas, and admission policies for schools with a sixth form. The Council is also proposing to commission new and additional places to meet rising demand for specialist placements for children with special educational needs.

5. CoSMIC

The former Communities & Partnership Committee was renamed Communities, Social Mobility & Inclusion Committee. In an attempt to remember the order of the words in this very long title, we used the initials to create the name CoSMIC, and it appears to have stuck!

The committee has been responsible for supporting communities through COVID, making provision for refugees from Afghanistan and now Ukraine, diagrams below show the Homes for Ukraine Scheme presented at the last CoSMIC on 14 April.

Homes for Ukraine Scheme



Further details can be on Additional Meeting Documents Appendix Item No. 6 for Ukraine response https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccc_live/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1816/Committee/66/Default.aspx

The committee is also responsible assisting EU citizens in obtaining settled status and voting rights, as well as a range of public services from libraries to mortuaries. It runs what was the Innovate & Cultivate Fund, now Cultivate Cambs, funding community support activities. It also drew up a Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy.

CoSMIC makes decisions about the Household Support Fund, which supports people experiencing immediate financial hardship to pay for food, household energy or other essential items. An increasing number of families is struggling financially at the moment.

The Household Support Fund the first round which closed at the end of March saw: 23,445 applications, 15,806 people, £1,903,543 spent on vouchers provided to applicants, £115 average voucher value for funded applications, 6,262 people in receipt of Universal Credit who have received a £20 voucher. Number of applications by District were: Fenland 6,145 (27.45%), Cambridge 5,296 (23.66%), Huntingdon 4,865

(21.73%), South Cambs 4,334 (19.36%), East Cambs 1,748 (7.81%).

A survey was sent out to all email addresses, and we received 1,313 responses (14% response rate), to highlight one of the questions 'What led you to apply to the Household Support Fund' – 215 respondents state change in circumstance e.g. job loss, 356 respondents stated I met the eligibility criteria and 742 stated the Rising cost of living.

A Second round for the Household Fund for Cambridgeshire has been allocated for a further £3.5m to be spent by 30 September 2022. DWP have required that a third of the funding is spent on families with children, a third on pensioners with the final third for households genuinely in need of support. CCC officers are working through the guidance.

Further details can be on Additional Meeting Documents Appendix Item No. 4

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The committee is also responsible for developing one of the Joint Administration's major commitments - decentralisation of Council services and decision-making, to bring the Council closer to communities and make it more locally accountable. I have also been leading on the CCC's Anti-Poverty Strategy that was in our Joint Administration to ensure that all Committees are aligned and are working together to bring together horizontal connectivity.

6. Environment

The new Environment & Green Investment Committee has been exceptionally busy this year, with a large number of practical projects as well as new strategies. The committee is responsible for climate change and renewable energy, strategic planning, flood and water, biodiversity, waste, antiquities, and surprisingly digital infrastructure and broadband.

Waste has been contentious, with unpopular commercial applications for incinerators at Wisbech and Woodhurst, very expensive odour control measures required to the Amey facility at Waterbeach, and uncertainty about the Government's intentions following several consultations on extended producer responsibility, deposit return schemes, and recycling. The Council's recycling centres at Milton and March are also in the early stages of plans for upgrades.

The Council's high-profile scheme to get the community of Swaffham Prior off oil and onto a new renewable energy community heating system continues to progress well, with a £3.2M Government grant awarded. Other energy schemes include the installation of solar panels on Park & Ride sites, small-scale solar farms with private wire connections to commercial customers, and replacement of gas and oil boilers in schools and in the Council's own premises around the county. We have also run another round of Solar Together, the group buying scheme for homeowners wanting to invest in solar panels and battery storage.

Meanwhile commercial operation Sunnica has submitted a planning application to the Secretary of State for what is believed to be the largest solar farm in the country, stretching from Red Lodge in West Suffolk to Burwell in East Cambridgeshire. There is significant and highly organised local opposition to this proposal. The County Council is a consultee in this process.

The committee developed two important strategies this year – a revised Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, and an updated Climate Change & Environment Strategy. The Flood Risk strategy was accompanied by local initiatives to promote and fund community flood groups, visits by the Floodmobile to demonstrate options for fitting flood prevention measures in domestic properties, and clarification of the responsibilities of riparian owners for maintaining their watercourses. The year saw local flood and water matters require attention in the Sutton division, in Sutton, Witchford, and a long-running issue of the nature of material dredged by the Environment Agency from the Hundred Foot at Welney. The Environment Agency's barrier bank works on the Ouse Washes are now in the sixth year of a four-year programme.

The Climate Change & Environment Strategy sets a new and more ambitious target for a net-zero carbon Cambridgeshire by 2045, aiming to work with businesses and communities to bring this about. We are also working on a Cambridgeshire Decarbonisation Fund and Local Area Energy Planning. Council Leader Lucy Nethsingha is leading plans for a 'Cambridgeshire COP' following the high-profile international COP26 climate negotiations in Glasgow.

As every year, the Council published its carbon footprint report. COVID meant 2020/21 was an unusual year, with not only less travel but also less construction, two of the biggest greenhouse gas contributors. The shrinkage in our carbon footprint is likely not to be sustained next year.

We invested an additional £109K over last winter to undertake urgent repairs to various biodiversity sites, as well as to begin a biodiversity audit of the Council's land to set a baseline for our commitment to increase biodiversity in Cambridgeshire. We have also promoted, and taken part in, the Queen's Green Canopy initiative to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

The County Council has responded to various strategic planning consultations including for North East Cambridge, the move of the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant, and various phases of the development of Northstowe. It also adopted the revised Minerals & Waste Local Plan.

A new heritage website for Cambridgeshire is currently under construction. Meanwhile, a recent discovery in Fenstanton has turned out to be of international significance—a human skeleton with a nail through the foot, which experts believe to be the remains of a Roman crucifixion, probably of a slave.

Connecting Cambridgeshire has produced a new digital connectivity strategy for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. We were concerned that the implications of the 2025 copper switch-off for many systems have not been fully recognised.

7. Constitution & Ethics

An issue dominating Cambridgeshire politics since the whistle was blown in 2018 is 'Farmgate'—the award to then County Council deputy leader Roger Hickford of the tenancy of a County Council-owned farm in Girton. The new Joint Administration took office committed to publishing the acts, and this has now happened. Mr Hickford was found by independent investigators to have broken the councillors' Code of Conduct in seven different ways, including bullying and improper use of position for personal advantage. Mr Hickford resigned from the Council before the election.

In less contentious news, the committee proposed a new Parental Leave Policy for councillors which was adopted by the Council.

The committee proposed, and the Council agreed, changes to the Council's standing orders which mean that councillors will no longer be able to propose to Full Council motions that relate to current planning applications that the Council is to decide or be consulted on. This does not prevent councillors speaking out, campaigning and supporting their residents in all sorts of ways on contentious local planning applications, of course. But its purpose is to stop councillors misusing Full Council meetings to set Council policy on applications which must be decided impartially by the Council's Planning Committee or be responded to by council officers using their professional judgement.

8. Highways & Transport

The new Council is facing up to the many challenges left by its outgoing administration. Not least of these as the atrocious state of the county's 100,000 gullies, whose lack of maintenance contributed to the flooding of winter 2020/21. These are now being mapped and cleared, including one which was in such a bad state a metal detector was required to actually find it.

We have established a new funding pot - £250k this financial year and a further £400k for the next 3 years, for local communities to bid into for 20MPH zones, to make these more widespread and easier to obtain. A working group which will publish a proposed new policy on heavy goods vehicles in villages, which will align with the Combined Authority's forthcoming Local Transport & Connectivity Plan.

The Council has been focusing on Active Travel, with the aim of improving infrastructure for pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians. We have engaged with Oxfordshire County Council on Active Travel and a new Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan is in progress. The Council has expressed interest in taking up the prospect of being able to enforce moving traffic offences such as breaching weight limits. This would be possible everywhere in the county except for East Cambridgeshire. Traffic in Cambridge is set to grow by 30 per cent in the next ten years, and there is a serious lack of funding for public transport. Without this, many people who cannot drive, or cannot afford to buy, insure or fill up a car, are left with limited or no options for travel. The Greater Cambridge Partnership has been consulting for some time on ways to relieve traffic congestion in Cambridge and improve public transport into the city.

These consultations are still ongoing. One of the options on the table is some form of congestion charging to pay for better public transport. Motions proposed to the County and District Council have sought to permanently rule this out. The motion to the County Council was defeated, though the one to the District Council is likely to pass given the current political composition of the Council. Both are premature, as the consultation is still ongoing.

Various road works have taken place during the year including surface treatments of various roads, £50k potholes repaired to end Feb and a further £1.4m of new money for potholes, paths and other road improvements announced in April and a further £1.7m of new road re-surfacing. Budgets have been ring fenced for paths and foot ways.

Works are planned for new Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) and Residents' Parking Zones (RPZ) with Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP). New A505 study in July, £35m Kings dyke on A605, engaged with GCP for a long-term vision on Mill Road and working with GCP on road hierarchy. New HGV strategy and a full review of fatalities and new engagement on road safety.

Full review of Local Highway Officers and Local Highways Improvements Schemes are underway

9. Combined Authority

A new Mayor was elected in May 2021. This resulted in the scrapping of the CAM Metro and the '£100K homes' project. A new Chief Executive was also appointed, and the Combined Authority has decided to make its permanent home in offices in Huntingdon.

During the year, the Combined Authority's Climate Commission published its ambitious report; the Government announced there would be no more money for affordable housing and snubbed the Combined Authority's bus improvement plan.

MONTHLY DIVISION REPORTS

Relevant to most/all villages:

Highways

- We have updated the Rights of Way and Non-Motorised map shared last year, to outline all the schemes around Northstowe, please see attached PDF.
- Quarterly Highways meetings have taken place across my division in June, October, February, with the next date in May. These meetings have included Local Highways Officer, Local Highways Manager, Clerks from Oakington & Westwick and Over Parish Councils, Chair of Longstanton Parish Council, Vice-Chair of Oakington & Westwick and myself.
- Reporting local road closure and road works when significant, such as recent water pipe burst just before the Easter break, resurfacing of roads and foot/cycle paths, bridleways.
- B1050 flooding near the roundabout approaching Longstanton and Northstowe was fixed in July. The verge on the side of the road was higher than the road itself, hence the water would become a pool on the side of the road. The side of the road now contains several drains to help with the drainage of the rainwater.
- B1050 stretch from Longstanton to Bar Hill, various pot holes filled over the year including the trench, which now no longer exists since the B1050 tie in.
- B1050 Tie In: I encouraged contracts to be signed between CCC and Highways England, to move forward the planned works and myself and Dist Cllrs Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson worked to minimise disruption caused by recent roadworks and temporary light were monitored and flagging issues and delay directly to the contracts. Also kept Northstowe Town Council, Longstanton Parish Council, Bar Hill County Councillor and Sue Morley from Bar Hill Drivers updated via email and Residents via Facebook Local pages. Meanwhile ensuring with CCC Street Works that no other works were taking place across the surrounding areas.
- A14 Bar Hill and Swavesey Non-Motorised users crossing cycle barriers. The staggered barriers at the bottom of all four ramps of the two bridges have been the subject of scrutiny since they have been installed by a wide range of users: mobility scooters, wheelchairs, tandems, cycle trailers and horse riders. All four barriers will be removed from the approach ramps of both bridges, including the northern approach to the Swavesey bridge. Here pedestrian guardrail will be installed along the end of the local access road NMU across the end of the ramp to minimise the risk of cyclists overshooting and entering the carriageway. At the time of writing this report the barriers at A1307 end had been removed.
- Rampton Drift Byway: Path from Rampton Drift to Stirling is due to be completed in Summer 2022. The section from Stirling Road to Busway surfacing will be half hard top for pedestrian/cyclist and the other half will be soft surfacing for equestrians.
- Reynolds Drove: Resurfacing work was completed in April 2022. The surface was dressed using 10mm and 6mm aggregate. A 3mm granite dust will then be swept into the surface dressing to fill the small voids and provide a smoother surface which will be suitable for pedestrian, cyclists and equestrians.
- Defects on and off ramps of the bridge over A14 on the Bar Hill roundabout: The bridge has been adopted by CCC from National Highways as part of the ongoing A14 handover. At the time of handover, the defect at the joint was not apparent. We are monitoring the problem and have erected signs to warn drivers. It looks like it is a defect in its construction and/or design, and we are investigating the cause so we can organise a permanent repair. We are in discussions with National Highways on the best way of repairing.
- A14 Trees, holding National Highways accountable during their warranty of 5 years with other LibDem Cllrs in the surrounding areas, Cllr Enda Murphy (Bar Hill and Girton) and Cllr. Ros Hathorn (Histon and Impington). We tried to get information directly from National Highways via the CCC officers but with no luck, so we ended up taking this as a motion to CCC Full Council which was picked up by local press and following the motion's success, it is gratifying to note that National Highways have reacted

positively to address the issues. We will report further on this once they have done a survey on all the trees, and look to put in place an action plan.

- Hattons Water Park B1050 Cycle Path to South Access Road West (SARW): The current plan for the B1050 cycleway is to begin construction in Summer 2022 following completion of SARW and B1050 Tie-in. The detailed designs are still being finalised and there are a few details and risks to iron out with regards to purchasing private land from owners.

Schools

- Next phase of Northstowe Education Campus at CCC Children & Young People's Committee went to March committee. I sent in a statement to be read out on behalf of myself as the local County Councillor, extracts from the statement are *"for the Year 9 pupils to continue their education seamlessly by September 2024 and In the new era of rising inflation - forecast to peak near 9% this year in the construction industry, there is a stronger case for direct award as a greater benefit may accrue to the authority from being able to conclude design packages, secure supplier and fix prices at the earliest opportunity."* This was approved unanimously by the committee.

Agenda Item 7: to approve the direct award of the design and construction contract for Phase 2 of the Northstowe education campus to Kier construction and the supporting consultant team. An extract from the report: 1.8 There is now a need to commission the next phase of development of the Education Campus. The project budget for Phase 2 allocated in the 2022/23 business plan is £21m. The brief is currently being developed with the Trust and wider stakeholder team but will broadly comprise the following:

- Provision of a Post 16 centre through extension of the main (Core) block
 - Expansion of secondary school to 8 forms of entry (FE) including repurposing of existing general teaching to specialist teaching
 - Provision of a 3FE (630 place) Primary School on land adjacent to the Area Special School
- Hattons Park Primary School Pedestrian zone: Proposal to make permanent the closure of Hatton's Park after a temporary road closure during Covid following a Govt Grant (pedestrian and cycle zone) which run between 7 September 2020 – 6 March 2022. Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) proposes to make an Order under Sections 1(1) and (2), 2(1) to (3) and 4(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act the effect of which will be to: Pedestrianize Hatton's Park, Longstanton.

Motor vehicles will be prohibited between the hours of 8.30-9.00am & 3.15-3.45pm, Monday- Friday during term time only. Explanatory Note: The highway contained within this order will become pedestrianised to improve the safety of children, parents, and staff at the local nearby school at peak times. Access will still be available for residents, emergency services, deliveries, managed by the volunteer wardens during these times

Hatton Park School has worked extremely hard to promote safe and active routes to school. Many children walk, scoot or cycle to school. They have worked with the local community to implement many different strategies that keep our children safe on the way to/from school. They are very proud to have achieved Gold Standard school for supporting sustainable travel and are aiming for Platinum. We ask that you take a look at their website and see the actions for all the queries raised by residents, the latest travel plan dated Feb 2022, can be accessed at the bottom of their page.

<https://www.hattonpark.org/hatton-park-travel-plan/>

No objections were received by the end of the consultation, however, Longstanton Parish Council have made a point about considering mitigation for inconsiderate parking in the areas nearby to the school such as Prentice Road and Thornhill Place. Although the statutory consultation process for Hatton's Park has been completed, there are other things that require action. These include and not being limited to sign design, placement and installation; the checking of underground services so the sign

isn't installed into an HV cable, sewer or other such utility; the manufacture and delivery of such signs, which is being affected globally by market volatility and supply availability. The CCC are working as quickly as they can to work through these for the 7 schools across the County. Hatton Park School have written to parents to ask parents to continue to be sensible and avoid driving down the road. Legally school is not able stop parents but, with the safety of the children in mind, do remember what a positive impact it had and think twice about choosing to bring your car.

- Foot/cycle paths to Northstowe Secondary College(NSC) and Martin Bacon Academy (MBA) and Guided Busway: working with Homes England, Sisk, Arcadis to ensure that the foot/cycle paths to the Education Campus is safe for the children to travel to school. Complaints were dealt with via me as the local member from local residents and parents.
- Construction movement in and around school hours have also had a lot of complaints from local parents, which we have followed up with both Homes England and L&Q Estates.
- The CCC road safety team have visited the schools to work to a better plan for the pupils to get safely to school, even when the roads are not yet adopted in Northstowe. Further visits have been made by the Education team to ensure that the Taxis for the MBA are parking well, turning off their engines while waiting and complying with the set rules.
- NSC working with CCC to put in place Travel Ambassadors and to work with Hatton Park School in Longstanton who have achieved gold standard for travel to school in 2 years.

Local Councillor Meetings, Training and Community Involvements

I have attended various Local Councillor meetings over the year, in no particular order:

- Northstowe Secondary College, Martin Bacon Academy, Hatton Park and Oakington Primary School, SCDC street licencing team, Urban Splash, Care Network, Cambridge Hearing Help, Oakington & Westwick Travel Advisory Group, , Oakington & Westwick Environmental Advisory Group, Workshops with Civic Company for the Civic Hub, Workshop for Employment Zone, Smart Journeys, Northstowe Arts, Pathfinder Church, SCDC Community team, Think Communities, Local Highways Officers onsite meeting contractors, Homes England Naming of Water Parks, meetings with Chair/Vice Chairs of Parish Councils when required.
- Weekly meetings with District Cllrs Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson to go through residents' concerns and preparing for upcoming meetings and regular meetings with Cllr Bill Handley, Over Dist Cllr to go through resident's concerns.
- Stagecoach quarterly meetings, monthly Homes England meeting with District Cllrs, Liaison meeting with Homes England and all local Cllrs including Longstanton, Oakington & Westwick and Northstowe Parish/Town Councillors, which we as local Cllrs have set up.
- CCC Trainings for Councillors for each directorate, budgets process, peer review feedback, climate change and specific training for the Committees that I sit on – CoSMIC, Children & Young People and Environment and Green Investment.

Other:

- I deal with various case work from local resident which cannot be shared due to confidentiality and lots of emails/messages/social media posts to sign post residents on how to get issues raised and solved and dealing with them were possible.
- Producing monthly Parish/Town Council reports and articles for Longstanton Life, Northstowe News, Oakington & Westwick Journal and Over News.
- I am currently a Northstowe Town Councillor until May 2022 (1 year term) and will not be re- standing.
- I am also the creator of Northstowe Foodies that bring approx. 20-30 Food trucks/pop ups to Northstowe over the month to Northstowe Green and community events, working with Food Truck Revolution who assist with pitch fees and booking trucks. Northstowe Foodies receives between 30-

100% to invest back in the community. We have also written mini blogs for local new businesses to promote them in and around Northstowe and run them with silent auctions. From 2020 to April 2022, we have raised approx. £7.5k for local community projects such as free food for community events, allotment raised beds, free school meals GoFundMe for 7 schools in the area (including all my division and Willingham Primary School), Hatton Park laptop, Northstowe Secondary School and Martin Bacon minibus, Northstowe Secondary School photographer for Valentines Disco and very recently a Community Fridge for the Northstowe Community wing to sit alongside the Community Larder, as we have recently partnered with Co-op in Longstanton to help distributed their food waste to our community. As of today, 6 of our Food Trucks have become Plastic Free Champions for Surfers Against Sewage, which feeds into our status of Longstanton and Northstowe Free Plastic Community for Surfers Against Sewage.

Longstanton

- Wilson's Road Bridleway re-surfacing took place in October to make the bridleway suitable for all users for horses, as well as wheelchair and pushchair users and cyclists, to ensure that the project can commence. This scheme is forward looking for the future development of Northstowe (10k homes) and surrounding areas, to ensure Rights of Way exist for commuting, pleasure and travelling to Cambridge and beyond. On 20 April a meeting took place with Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum and Longstanton Parish Council and local equestrian representative to review the re-surfacing after 6 months and take forward any action based on feedback.
- Gully Maintenance: In October/November, we cleaned Longstanton and Rampton Drift gullies and provided a very comprehensive report with maps and photos to both Longsanton Parish Council and Northstowe Town Council. Summary of which was: out of 616 gullies in – 574 (90.5%) gullies drained normally when recharged with water; 534 (84.2%) required cleaning, 31 (4.9%) vehicles over them, inaccessible; and 9 (1.8%) had broken lids and we were unable to open them. The system needs to be updated to include Rampton Drift into Northstowe.
- Micro/Gripfibre road surfacing was completed in Thatcher's Wood took place in September.
- Footpath resurfacing: Slurry Seal surface treatment have been applied in Magdalene Close and Thornhill Place. Footway Slurry Seal is a low-cost, preventative maintenance process, designed to seal in the surface of a structurally sound footway and extend its life. It fills in minor depressions and voids and provides a more even surface, improving the quality of slip resistance.

Northstowe

- Longstanton Park and Ride connectivity: The design for this pathway link has had feedback from all utilities companies and design in being costed, process has been slow, but we are hoping that this will help with our very limited budget.
- Permanent Busway Link to Phase 1: Following authorisation, CCC are discussing this link with current developers as they have equipment on site, process has been slow, but we are hoping that this will help with our very limited budget.
- Guided Busway link to Northstowe/Rampton Drift: improving visibility will require vegetation to be cut back, and the speed of the buses to be reduced to 30mph. The scope of the other works is to improve the surfaces on either side of the crossing place. Unfortunately, it is not possible to remove the stepped nature of the crossing as the Guided Busway is on a curve and needs to be guided at this location. The County team are awaiting quotes from Highway's maintenance contractors to level either side of the busway. Also, additional costings are being drawn up to see whether lighting columns just on the Northstowe side of the crossing can be made sufficient to light the crossing point to enable the electric requirements to tap into the existing connection for the pumping station. Pleased to say that Homes England have committed to supplying this. We are currently waiting for a drawing for lighting column location. We hope that the above costs will then be covered under S106 for phase 2 Northstowe,

therefore we are having conversations with the main builders for Phase 2 regarding this funding. Timelines are currently difficult to commit to until the order is in with the contractor to do the works. The future plans for leaving Northstowe to go towards Cambridge are on the busway will be via the busway through the town centre and out of Northstowe just north of Oakington when this road opens

- B1050 Station Road, Northstowe: I liaised with the CCC officers to understand the extent of accidents over the last 4 years on Station Road (B1050) and entrance to Bloor Homes, following the two accidents within weeks of each other at this junction has been concerning. CCC informed that there was only a handful of accidents over the years that have been reported. I put a request that Northstowe Town Council provides the speeding data from the speed camera that we have in place, to share with the CCC officers and consider this junction for any speed watch campaigns that are planned.
- Gully repairs for Rampton Drift, please refer to Longstanton update above.

Oakington & Westwick

- Guided Busway: the 3 bus stop panels were replaced in September at the Oakington bus stop. One of the side panels in the cycle shelters has been smashed, the cycle panels are not normally replaced as they are the prime targets to be hit and as they only shelter cycles rather than people waiting for the bus it is not cost effective for Council to keep replacing.
- A14 Legacy Fund: Proposed TRO (Reference Number PR0786) - Cambridge Road, Water Lane and Station Road, Oakington and Westwick. Proposed speed cushions and road humps in Cambridge Road, Water Lane and Station Road in Oakington and Westwick. This fund was successful for the speed calming in Oakington, A14 Legacy team and Highways England handed over this scheme to County Council in July as the A14 team struggled to resource. Consultation with residents closed in March and no objections were received. Costings will be shared by end of April and shared with Parish Council.
- Shared-use Path Improvements Oakington to Girton: In July, CCC finished the Phase 1 of widening the shared-use path along Oakington Road, between Brook and Gatehouse Road to benefit walking and cycling. We also tightened the junction at Gatehouse Road to improve visibility for path users and carried out some improvements to the pinch point into Oakington to improve the flow along the paths. This was funded by Highways England, as mitigation for the A14 works. Phase 2 will look to primarily be widening the path from Gatehouse Road to Oakington, subject to design. This will be funded by S106 money from Northstowe. The design has been developed and the final design are with CCC to acquire costs for the project. As a part of the Phase 1 the contractors painted by accident double yellow lines at the Junction, it was agreed at Oakington & Westwick Parish Council October meeting that the yellow lines should remain in place permanently.
- The Northstowe Phase 3A and Phase 3B Section 106 Agreement Draft Head of Terms report was presented at the CCC Environment and Green Investment Committee on 16 September. I submitted a statement to be read out by Cllr Lorna Dupre, Chair of the committee, stating the following: *"The local Parish councils still have concerns about particular flood and draining issues and we would ask the Local Lead Flood Authority to correspond with the local planning authority SCDC to ensure that these matters can be adequately resolved prior of the granting of the planning permission."* In October CCC officers, Oakington & Westwick Parish Council, Oakington & Westwick Environment Advisory Group, District Cllrs and myself held a meeting. A further meeting is planned to include Environmental Agency and Highways England on 13 May. The subject of the A14 Flooding around Oakington will also be picked up at the above meeting.
- Gully Maintenance: In October/November, we cleaned Oakington gullies and provided a very comprehensive report with maps and photos to Oakington & Westwick Parish Council. Summary of which was: out of 400 gullies – 389 (86.4%) gullies drained normally when recharged with water; 309 (68.7%) required cleaning, 12 (2.7%) vehicles over them, inaccessible; and 8 (1.8%) had broken lids and we were unable to open them. Oakington & Westwick Parish Council have given feedback on the report and identified key flooding gullies, these are still with the Highways to work through. Westwick Gully maintenance to be confirmed.

- Drains on Water Lane beside Oakington Primary School were jetted due to a flooding concern in May. Since the Gully clean in October there have not been any further reported flooding incidents.
- Westwick footpath from the nursery to the bridge has been included in the CCC 2022-23 Capital programme budget which was approved by the Highways & Transport Committee in March, exact timings tbc.
- Westwick drainage on water course, flaps to the pipes were replaced in September.
- Potholes across Oakington have been filled over the year including 15 potholes were filled in Queensway in July.
- Patch Work on Unclassified roads: As special funds from the Government had not been fully spent for this accounting year, we were able to secure several patch works on roads in Oakington in March: Coles Lane, Meadow Farm Close and Queens Way. Two issues have been raised that not all the length of Queens Way was included in the patch work, this was because around the wreck the road is owned by SCDC not CCC. Meadow Farm Close, it was highlighted by the Local Highways Officer that the large tree roots have damaged the surfacing of the footpath. Following conversation with Oakington & Westwick Parish Clerk, we are proposing that we remove the area of hard surface around the tree and replace with grass seeds but still have a hard surface smaller footpath. We hope that the Parish Council approves of this proposal.
- Footpath resurfacing: Slurry Seal surface treatment have been applied in March to Orchard Way, Manor Farm Close and Church View Footway Slurry Seal is a low-cost, preventative maintenance process, designed to seal in the surface of a structurally sound footway and extend its life. It fills in minor depressions and voids and provides a more even surface, improving the quality of slip resistance.

Over

- West Street Flooding – following a couple of emergency call outs during the downpours, an inspection took place and we found that there were no other gullies between No 10 and No 20, as there use to be a pond (the local residents shared photos with us of the pond on Facebook). We connected the current two gullies outside No10 to the system outside No 20. Whilst we are doing this, we installed a further two gullies along this stretch. This work was completed in November and had been a problem for a number of years.
- Gully maintenance: In October/November, we cleaned Over gullies and provided a very comprehensive report with maps and photos to the Parish Council. Summary of which was: out of 467 gullies in Over - 420 (88.20%) gullies drained normally when recharged with water; 418 (87.80%) required cleaning, 25 (5.30%) had vehicles over them, inaccessible; 12 (2.50%) had broken lids and we were unable to open them and 1 (0.20%) had a visible hypodermic needle in gully.
- Footpaths completed in January were Anglesey Way, inc. Kirby's, Denny, Hemington & Elstow Closes (Full estate) - full width resurfacing where the existing surface was removed and replaced with a new one and curb replacement. King Street, Chapmans Way and Hilton Street – Slurry Seal surface treatment was applied to the existing footway, this is where a thin layer of bituminous material is laid in order to seal the surface and prevent further deterioration which would ultimately result in a more expensive resurfacing scheme as completed in Anglesey Way as stated above.
- Gravel Bridge Road and Longstanton Road Over was resurfaced in February including the edging beyond the white lines. The work will be a Carriageway Hydro Textureblast Treatment. The treatment is a process to remove excess binder from fatty road surfaces to improve the texture and grip.
- Meadow Lane manhole cover replaced in July.
- Potholes across Over have been filled over the year. It has been noted that Glover Street and Long Furlong may require longer-term solution.
- Spiregrass Square New Development, This Land: Dist Cllr Bill Handley, County Cllr Neil Gough and I visited the site on 2 Feb and met with David Lewis, Acting CEO of This Land and Site Manager and deputy. Since the meeting they have been liaising with us, issues with local residence and they committed to the following:

- Mill Road and Willingham Road to be cleaned twice a week up until March and then once a week thereafter and once a month, the main roads of the village further away from the site
- Daily washing of vehicle wheels to reduce the mud on the road
- Rubbish around the site will be cleared daily
- The grass verge will be cordoned off with cones, to ensure no cars/vans will park on the verge and reinstate any damage to the verge. The verge will be maintained by the Management Company that will be set up for this scheme (rather than the parish council)
- A letter was delivered to nearby residents (approximately 150 leaflets hand-delivered) outlining the issue and how they are taking appropriate action
- They will be attending Parish Council meetings in person to give updates, which they attended this on 12 April, were they informed us of further updates:
 - The Management Company for the Scheme will be run by This Land until all residents are in place and all costs are covered by the yearly management fees that residents will pay.
 - The Management company will also be responsible for the play area and hedges around the scheme (not the Parish Council)
 - Roads and paths throughout the scheme will be adopted in time by CCC.
 - This Land and CCC will look to work with the Over Primary School and residents to identify safe paths to school
 - Resurfacing of the entrance and main road in to the site on Mill Road will be completed in May to compliment the marketing suite, it will therefore be a new road surface without defects.
- CCC/21/030/FUL: Use of Land for Waste Management including a New Waste Handling Building. Mick George Ltd Middle Fen Drove Swavesey: the following planning application went to CCC Planning meeting on 24 February. Over Parish Council, gave their feedback on this application. I was only informed very late in the day of this application by a local Over resident. Dist Cllr Bill Handley attended the meeting to object and County Cllr Neil Gough and I asked for amendments in the conditions. The Planning Committee noted all our comments and voted to approve the application, with some amendments to the proposed conditions. The amendments to the proposed conditions relate to:
 - Vehicle Movements - To the effect that Motor vehicle movements to and from the site shall be restricted to 80 per day (40 in and 40 out), of which no more than 60 per day (30 in and 30 out) will be HGVs. A daily record of lorries and their movements shall be kept and made available to the waste planning authority within 7 days of a written request
 - The submission, approval and implementation of a Transport Management Plan for the site

The Committee did not discuss imposing a condition on traffic routing and so this was not taken forward. However, further amendments were incorporated into one of the noise conditions and in relation to improvements to the southern boundary.

- Over Day Centre: I have been working with Over Day Centre on the following items:
 - Increasing numbers due to Covid-19 restrictions of number, CCC officers have met a couple of times to understand the needs and survey the premises and install Carbon Dioxide monitors.
 - Attended the AGM last year and met with Trustee Cecilia Tredget to discuss the marketing plan to increase the number of users. Frequent posts on local FB groups to promote the uptake of numbers for users.
 - Bike Rides – 12 June. I am working with the Cllr Adrian Tranter to start a 2nd starting point for residents taking part from Northstowe and Longstanton for the bike rides, in the hopes of raising more money and raise the profile of Over Day Care Centre in nearby communities.