

**COUNTY COUNCIL – 23RD MAY 2017
CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PEOPLE

Former County Councillors Martin Ballard and David White

It is with regret that the Chairman/woman reports the death of former County Councillor Martin Ballard who represented the Coleridge Division on behalf of the Labour party from June 2001 to June 2009. He was the Leader of the Labour Group on the County Council from May 2005 to May 2008. The previous Chairman, Councillor Kindersley, attended the funeral on 12th May at Barton Glebe, the Arbory Trust Woodland Burial Site.

It is also with regret that the Chairman/woman reports the death of former County Councillor David White who represented the Castle Division on behalf of the Liberal Democrat party from 2004 to 2009.

The Council's thoughts are with their family, friends and colleagues at this very sad time.

SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS

Digital Public Service Innovation of the Year Award

The Council's innovative way of processing blue badge applications has been shortlisted for a prestigious national award. The Council is joint finalists with LGSS in Digital Leaders' DL100 list for 2017 which recognises 100 people and organisations across the UK who are leading the way in digital transformation in all sectors. LGSS digital specialists developed a new online way of applying for blue badges, cutting down the average time it takes to process an application from 32 minutes to just 2! The 100 finalists that make up the list will now compete for the public vote in one of 10 categories.

Municipal Journal Achievement Awards

The Council, along with Peterborough City Council and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group, have been shortlisted for Municipal Journal Achievement Awards in the Reinventing Public Services and Delivering Better Outcomes categories.

The MJ awards are held to celebrate the best in local government and it is a great achievement to be shortlisted as finalists.