

COUNTY COUNCIL – 15TH OCTOBER 2019

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEOPLE

Joint Service Director leading on Highways and Transport

Graham Hughes has been appointed as the first new joint Service Director leading on Highways and Transport in Place and Economy. The other Service Director role, leading on Growth and Development, is going through the recruitment process.

SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

Planning permission granted for Alconbury Weald Civic Hub

The Civic Hub at Alconbury Weald has been granted planning permission. The Council can now move forward with its plans to break ground in late autumn this year on its purpose-built civic headquarters. The two-storey building, which aims to be 'bright, flexible and productive', will incorporate 350 desks for staff, along with a number of informal meeting spaces and a public reception. Environmental factors such as charging points for electric cars and solar panelling will help the building remain energy efficient and forward-thinking.

Whittlesey Kings Dyke Level Crossing Scheme tender issued

On 30th September, the Council published full tender documentation in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). This is the start of the formal procurement process for the construction of the Whittlesey King's Dyke level crossing scheme and is required for tenders of this value in the public sector. A shortlist of contractors that score highest in initial quality assessments will be issued the main invitation to tender at the end of November and will then have four months to submit bids. The expectation is that the appointed contractor will start construction by December 2020.