

COUNTY COUNCIL – 13TH DECEMBER 2016 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEOPLE

Former Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire

Mr James Crowden CVO, the former Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, died recently at the age of 88. A memorial service was held on 5th December at Ely Cathedral which was attended by the Chairman and Vice Chairwoman of the Council.

James Crowden was Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire from 1992 – 2002, serving as the Queen's representative in the ceremonial county of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. During his term of office, he hosted over 150 Royal visits to the county and was honoured to welcome the Queen to the county on 6 occasions. Mr Crowden was a larger than life character who will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

AWARDS

A youth council made up of children in care has won a top national award for its work to improve outcomes for children and young people.

The Voices Matter panel, who are either in care or have been in care themselves, beat 500 entries for the *Children and Young People Now* magazine awards in the 'Children in Care' category.

Entries had to meet the criteria for a local authority or care provider that has done the most to improve outcomes for looked after children or young people in residential care, foster care or other types of placement. The judges were looking for in particular for examples of exceptional teamwork, joint working or activity above and beyond the call of duty.

Employee Recognition Awards and Employee of the Year

In November a youth council group called 'Voices Matter' made up of children in care won a top national award for its work to improve outcomes for children and young people.

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The Council is proposing to note the work of the officers involved, Michelle Dean and Stephanie Killick, from our Children's Participation Team. Well done for this fantastic achievement. Staff from across the organisation have been showing fantastic commitment throughout the year and the Chairman will be inviting the Chairman of the Staffing and Appeals committee to say a few words about the Council's staff recognition scheme and to present the award for its Employee of the Year.

SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS

First 'Recovery Café'

The first 'Recovery Café' has just recently opened in Cambridgeshire. The Edge Café is an exciting, innovative project based on the front of the Brookfields Hospital Site on Mill Road, Cambridge. The project is a great example of co-production with members of the recovery community coming together to plan and develop the café alongside professionals from Cambridgeshire County Council, SUN Network and Inclusion (Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services). The project supports long term recovery from drugs and alcohol by promoting positive wellbeing, providing volunteering/employment opportunities and a visible demonstration of the benefits of recovery in the local community. The project is run independently of specialist services and is registered as a social enterprise.

MESSAGES

Visit by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall

The Chairman was honoured to welcome HRH The Prince of Wales and HRH The Duchess of Cornwall to Cambridge recently, on behalf of the County Council. Their Royal Highnesses were visiting the Fitzwilliam Museum to mark its 200th anniversary and also met staff there from the University Library, which is celebrating its 600th anniversary.