

County Council – 19th March 2024

Chair's Announcements

People

Tina Few, Information Governance Assistant

It is with deep regret that the Chair reports the recent death of Tina Few. Tina became an Information Governance Assistant in 2021 and made a big impact in the role thanks to her positive attitude and cheerful nature. She was a shining example of the Apprenticeship Scheme and how impactful it can be to people keen to develop skills later in life, with her dedication and enthusiasm impressing everyone from her coaches, tutors and not least her colleagues who were so proud of her. The Council's thoughts are with her family and friends at this very sad time.

Jyoti Atri, Executive Director of Public Health

Jyoti Atri, Executive Director of Public Health for Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council, will be leaving both authorities in May to pursue new opportunities.

Upon joining the Councils, Jyoti played an instrumental leadership role in navigating Cambridgeshire and Peterborough through the pandemic and worked tirelessly with Public Health colleagues, local authority partners, and the NHS to keep people safe and to ensure that the impact of Covid-19 was reduced across our communities. She was specifically involved in leading our work relating to Enhanced Response status as an area during Covid.

Laura Hardy, Team Manager for Family Safeguarding (Cambridge City)

Laura Hardy won a gold medal for the 500m freestyle at the European Ice Swimming Championship. She also won three bronze medals in the 250m, 100m, and 50m freestyle categories. Hosted by the International Ice Swimming Association, the championship took place in Romania from 1-4 February 2024, and saw more than 320 athletes from 27 countries compete.

Messages

Peppercorn Lunch

The Chair was delighted to be invited to the Annual Peppercorn Lunch. On behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council, he paid the Council's annual fee of a peppercorn to Marshalls for the lease of Newmarket Road Park & Ride site.

Ukrainian Flag raising to mark two years of the war

The Chair was accompanied by Deputy Lieutenant Mr Chris Parkhouse and Chief Executive Dr Stephen Moir in raising the Ukrainian Flag to mark two years of the war in Ukraine.

Mayor of Wisbech's Civic Service

The Chair attended the Mayor of Wisbech's Civic Service at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Wisbech on 25th February.

Cambridgeshire Spotlight Awards

The Chair compered the first ever Cambridgeshire Spotlight Awards which were held at the University Arms Hotel, Cambridge. The event was an opportunity to recognise colleagues for their outstanding achievements in helping to create a greener, fairer and more caring Cambridgeshire. A total of 260 nominations were received from across the whole range of council services, from which the judging panel shortlisted 17 individuals and teams.

St David's Day Flag at New Shire Hall

The Chair raised the St David's Day Flag at New Shire Hall, to mark a national day of cultural celebration for St David patron saint of Wales.

Installation of Right Reverend Debbie Sellin as the 39th Bishop of Peterborough

On behalf of the Chair, Councillor Stephen Ferguson attended the installation of the Right Reverend Debbie Sellin as the 39th Bishop of Peterborough at Peterborough Cathedral.

Commonwealth Flag at New Shire Hall

The Vice-Chair raised the Commonwealth Flag at New Shire Hall, the theme for Commonwealth Day 2024 and the forthcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting is 'One Resilient Common Future: Transforming our Common Wealth.'

St Patrick's Day Flag at New Shire Hall

The Vice Chair raised the St Patrick's Day Flag at New Shire Hall to mark a national day of cultural celebration for St Patrick, patron saint of Ireland.

Citizenship Ceremonies

The Chair attended Citizenship Ceremonies at New Shire Hall on the 19th February and 4th March.

The Vice Chair attended Citizenship Ceremonies at New Shire Hall on the 11th March.

Accompanied by a Deputy Lieutenant the Chair and Vice Chair presented over 100 new British Citizens with their Citizenship.