

County Council – 18th July 2023

Chair's Announcements

People

Catriona Taylor

It is with deep regret that the Chair reports the recent death of Catriona Taylor. Cat worked in the IT and Digital Services Team.

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

Awards

Silver Award for the Prevention and Early Intervention Enhanced Response Team

Cambridgeshire County Council's Prevention & Early Intervention Enhanced Response Team have received a Silver Award for their work supporting the NHS's Emergency Care Improvement Support initiative.

The initiative aims to prevent deconditioning (the decline in physical function of the body as a result of physical inactivity and/or bedrest) by encouraging all sectors in health and social care settings to come up with innovative and fun ways to promote physical activity and wellbeing - where it is hoped these will reduce deconditioning and associated harms, improve hospital discharges, and patient outcomes.

The Enhanced Response Team have received a Silver Award as they were able to evidence that such initiatives were making a difference to the lives of those they work with. The team were nominated by the East of England Regional Team for "working with system partners to support people in their own homes and respond to people who have tripped and fallen, thereby avoiding and reducing ambulance conveyance and admissions to hospital and improving patient and carer experience".

Platinum Award for High Quality Highways Network Information

Cambridgeshire County Council's Searches Team have achieved a Platinum Award for the consistent high quality of its highways network information, street, and address data. The award was presented at the annual [GeoPlace conference and awards](#) in May.

[GeoPlace](#) is a partnership organisation between Ordnance Survey and the Local Government Association which produces key national datasets of street and address information which are used across the public and private sector for services ranging

from postal and emergency vehicle routing, to road works, planning and insurance, and more.

Cambridgeshire contributes to these national datasets by sending GeoPlace monthly updates from its Local Street Gazetteer (LSG) (part of the [National Street Gazetteer](#)), which is the Council's definitive road maintenance database and is used by a range of different services across the Council. The LSG is under continuous review by the Searches Team in the Highways Maintenance Service, including the insertion of information about new streets, their location and highway status.

Messages

Red Balloon of the Air - Peterborough Student Hub Open Event

Councillor Stephen Ferguson met with Red Balloon of the Air staff, students, and parents at their new hub in Peterborough -The Spinney. This development will really boost options for professionals and families as they consider alternative and accessible provision for the young people of Peterborough currently out of education.

USAF 501st Combat Support Wing Exercising the Freedom of the Town Parade

Following the granting of the Freedom of the Town back in 2018, the USAF 501st Combat Support Wing exercised their Freedom on Friday 19 May 2023, to mark five years of the Freedom. The Chair joined the parade and inspection ceremony.

80th Anniversary Memorial at New Shire Hall

The Chair laid a wreath on the 26 May for the 80th memorial service held at New Shire Hall. The memorial service was attended by Reverend Rob Paddison, Royal Air Force Commander, Squadron Leader Tina Sheeran, and The Commander, 423rd Air Base Group, and Ceremony Host Colonel Valerie Long.

Memorial Day Ceremony at Cambridge American Cemetery

The Chair attended and laid a wreath at Cambridge American Cemetery to commemorate the memory of the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom on behalf of the people of Cambridgeshire.

Her Majesty Queen Camilla at The British Racing School

The Chair was honoured to be invited to be part of the Civic Dignitary line up to welcome Her Majesty at The British Racing School on 1 June.

Civic Service for the Installation of the Mayor at Peterborough Cathedral

The Chair attended Peterborough Cathedral for the Civic Service of the installation of the Mayor, Councillor Nick Sandford.

Armed Forces Day Flag Raising at New Shire Hall

The Chair raised the flag and said a few words at New Shire Hall for Armed Forces Day alongside Dr Stephen Moir, Councillor Gerri Bird, Huntingdon Deputy Mayor Councillor Karl Brockett, and other members of Cambridgeshire County Council.

Pride Month Flag Raising at New Shire Hall

The Chair raised the flag and said a few words at New Shire Hall for Pride Month alongside Dr Stephen Moir and other Cambridgeshire County Council Colleagues.

Midsummer Fair Proclamation

The Chair attended the proclamation of Midsummer Fair and Market on Midsummer Common in Cambridge. The Fair dates back to a Royal Charter granted by King John in 1211.

Conferment of Honorary Degrees in the Senate-House

The Chair attended the Senate-House at a Congregation for the Conferment of Honorary Degrees by The Chancellor, The Lord Sainsbury of Turville.

Civic Leaders Open Day

On behalf of the Chair the Vice Chair, Councillor Gerri Bird attended the Civic Leaders Open Day held at RAF Molesworth.

High Sheriffs Summer Reception

The Chair attended the The High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire Dr Bharatkumar N Khetani's Summer Reception at Elgoods Brewery Visitors Centre and Gardens North Brink in Wisbech.

Congregation for the formal admission to office of Professor Deborah Prentice as the 347th Vice-Chancellor

The Chair and Vice Chair attended the congregation for the formal admission to office of Professor Deborah Prentice as the 347th Vice-Chancellor at the Senate-House on 5 July.

Bishop of Ely Garden Party

The Chair attended The Bishop of Ely, The Rt Reverend Stephen Conway's garden party.

Civic Service West Northamptonshire Council and Reception at the Guildhall Courtyard

The Chair attended the West Northamptonshire Council Civic Service at All Saints' Church in Northampton.

100th Air Refuelling Wing Change of Command at RAF Mildenhall

On behalf of the Chair, the Vice Chair, Cllr Gerri Bird, attended the 100th Air Refuelling Wing Change of Command at RAF Mildenhall where Colonel Gene A Jacobus relinquished command to Colonel Ryan J Garlow.