

County Council – 16th March 2021

Chairman's Announcements

People

Councillor Jill Taverner – Health Committee Member

It is with regret that the Chairman reports the death of Councillor Jill Taverner, Huntingdonshire District Council. Jill had been the District Council's representative on the County Council's Health Committee since January 2017.

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

Former County Councillor Colin Shaw

It is also with regret that the Chairman reports the death of former County Councillor Colin Shaw, who represented the Abbey Division on behalf of the Labour Party from 1996 to 2005.

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

Chris Malyon, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer

Chris Malyon, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer retires at the end of April. Chris was appointed to the role of Chief Finance Officer for Cambridgeshire in January 2013. Following the appointment of the shared Chief Executive in 2015 a Deputy Chief Executive role was created to support the new shared arrangements, and Chris took on these additional responsibilities in September 2016.

Dr Liz Robin, Director of Public Health

Dr Liz Robin, Director of Public Health retires at the end of the April, having delayed her retirement plans so she could lead public health through the challenging winter period. Liz became the first joint director of Public Health for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in 2015. She was appointed Director of Public Health for Cambridgeshire in 2006.

Messages

Chairman's Commendation Scheme

Following the launch last year of the Chairman's Commendation Scheme to celebrate the fantastic work of those who have gone above and beyond in supporting their local communities since lockdown began in March 2020, the Chairman was delighted to issue a further 11 certificates during February to individuals, businesses and community groups in recognition of their excellent work throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Full details of each Member's nomination can be seen on the council's website.

So that we can continue to recognise those from our local communities who continue to provide so much support, the scheme will continue to run to the end of April 2021.

Chairman marks a moment in time

The Chairman will be marking a moment in time on Monday 22 March when he buries a time capsule at the council's new headquarters in Alconbury. The time capsule will be filled with postcards from council staff, councillors and local school children describing life today during a pandemic and their hopes for Cambridgeshire in 25 years time. It will also include the front pages from newspapers in Cambridgeshire to show people what is in the news on the day. The Chairman will be burying the time capsule in the staff seating area outside of the new headquarters with an engraved slab marking its position. The aim is that there will be a ceremony in 2046, 25 years after the time-capsule has been buried.