

## County Council – 10th December 2024

### Chair's Announcements

#### Awards

##### Social Work Awards

Zainab Sulaiman, Adult Social Care Development Lead has won an award for Best Practice Educator of the Year at the Social Worker of the Year Awards 2024 for her work to support the development of the Council's social workers.

##### Council awarded Gold Membership of the 5% Club

The Council has been awarded Gold Membership of [The 5% Club's](#) esteemed [2024-25 Employer Audit Scheme](#) and is proud to share that it is the first county council in the country to achieve Gold status. This means that the Council has over 5% of its staff engaged in 'earn and learn' schemes. This accolade highlights the Council's unwavering commitment to developing and empowering its staff through initiatives such as apprenticeships and graduate schemes delivered by its learning and development team.

#### Service Developments

##### Notification of Care Quality Commission assessment

On 11th November 2024, the Council received notification that the Care Quality Commission (CQC) is starting its assessment period for Cambridgeshire County Council. Staff in the Adults, Health and Commissioning directorate will submit a range of information to the CQC on the performance and processes of the Council over the next few weeks. In the next six months, the CQC will come to Cambridgeshire for an onsite visit.

##### Technology Enabled Care Smart Flat

The Technology Enabled Care (TEC) team is happy to announce the opening of their newly renovated TEC Flat, which will be open to both professionals and the public. The TEC Smart Flat is a dedicated space to showcase technology that supports everyday living which is essential for raising awareness and encouraging adoption. It is equipped with a wide range of technology to support people everyday living in our community.

## Healthy Child Programme

On 8th October Children and Young People Committee gave approval to enter into a Section 75 Partnering Arrangement with Cambridgeshire Community Services for the delivery of the Healthy Child Programme starting on 1st April 2025. The Healthy Child Programme which includes Health Visiting for families with children aged 0-5, and School Nursing for families with children aged 5-19, is a national public health programme and follows national commissioning guidance. It has a focus on improving outcomes and reducing inequalities.

## Messages

### Vaccinations

The winter vaccination campaign started in September this year with groups most at risk being offered free flu and COVID 19 vaccinations. Frontline health and social care workers and staff working in care homes are also eligible for the free vaccinations and the Council has put a scheme in place that enables them to easily access free vaccinations from their GP or local community pharmacy. Having the seasonal vaccinations is one of the most important things residents can do to keep themselves and others safe this winter.

### The Mayor of Whittlesey's Civic Service

The Chair attended The Mayor and Mayoress of Whittlesey, Councillor Alex Miscandlon and Mrs Pat Miscandlon's Civic Service at St Mary's Church in Whittlesey.

### Visit by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh to Wandlebury Country Park's 70th Anniversary celebration

His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh visited Wandlebury Country Park's 70th Anniversary celebration, The Chair was part of the line up for this visit.

### Lecture at Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital

The Chair attended a lecture at Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital. This groundbreaking new research hospital will serve as a model for how we find cancer earlier and treat it better.

### Unveiling of a Blue Plaque to remember Tom Bacon

The Chair attended an unveiling of a Blue Plaque to remember Tom Bacon at Marshall of Cambridge.

## Formal opening of March Broad Street

The Chair attended the formal opening of March Broad Street led by Fenland District Council. MP Steve Barclay was in attendance and did the ribbon cutting.

## The Mayor of Peterborough's Charity Italian Evening

The Vice-Chair attended The Mayor of Peterborough's Charity Italian evening at the Italian Community Association.

## Commemoration of Fallen Indian Soldiers of WWI and WWII at Great St Marys Church, Cambridge

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## Propellor Memorial Ceremony at Bassingbourn Barracks

The Chair attended a Propellor Memorial Ceremony at Bassingbourn Barracks with Colonel G Boyd MBE Commander Mission Ready Training Centre.

## Veteran's Day at Madingley Road Cemetery

The Chair attended Veteran's Day at Madingley Road Cemetery and laid a wreath on behalf of the people of Cambridgeshire alongside Deputy Lieutenant Colonel Roger Herriot OBE DL and other dignitaries.

## Pride in Place showcase at The Burgess Hall in St Ives

The Chair attended Pride in Place showcase at The Burgess Hall in St Ives. This was to celebrate the district's diversity of places and bustling visitor economy but also highlighting what Huntingdonshire can offer to support growth and encourage new investment opportunities.

## Substance Misuse Support Network Round Table Discussion at Peter O'Sullivan House

The Chair attended a Substance Misuse Support Network Round Table Discussion at Peter O'Sullivan House in Newmarket. This network was established to offer guidance and support for employers within the horse racing industry with the aim of providing a safe, healthy, and productive working environment, free from alcohol and substance misuse.

## Wisbech Civic Service

The Chair attended The Mayor of Wisbech, Councillor Sidney Imafidon Civic Service at The Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul.

## White Ribbon Day at New Shire Hall

The Chair raised the flag to mark White Ribbon Day at New Shire Hall, accompanied by Deputy Lieutenant Mrs Caroline Bewes DL. The Chair said a few words and this was well attended by colleagues from the council.

## Flag raising for St Andrews Day at New Shire Hall

The Chair raised a flag for St Andrews Day at New Shire Hall accompanied by Deputy Lieutenant Mrs Caroline Bewes DL and colleagues from the council.

## Ely Thanksgiving Eve Service at Ely Cathedral

The Chair attended the Ely Thanksgiving Eve Service at Ely Cathedral invited by The 48th Fighter Wing, 100th Air Refuelling Wing and 352nd Special Operations Wing.

## The Mayor of Huntingdon's Charity Dinner to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Huntingdon Town Council

The Chair attended and said a few words at The Mayor of Huntingdon's Charity Dinner to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Huntingdon Town Council.

## Wing Commander Winter Reception at the Stukeley Inn Royal Air Force Alconbury

The Chair attended the Wing Commander Winter Reception at the Stukeley Inn Royal Air Force in Alconbury.

## Fenland Community Carol Service

The Chair attended the Fenland Community Carol Service, invited by The Chairman of Fenland District Council and Consort, Councillor Nick Meekins and Mrs Sara Meekins at St Peter & St Paul Parish Church, Wisbech.

## Carol Service at King's College Cambridge

The Chair joined a procession before attending the King's College Carol Service for Secondary Schools and took part by reading the Fifth Lesson held in the College Chapel.

## Citizenship Ceremonies at New Shire Hall

The Chair attended Citizenship Ceremonies at New Shire Hall on 28th October, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November and 2nd December.

## Tri-Wing Yuletide Reception at RAF Mildenhall

The Vice-Chair attended the Tri-Wing Yuletide Winter Reception at RAF Mildenhall.

## Huntingdon's Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade

The Vice-Chair attended Huntingdon's Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade, laying a wreath alongside Deputy Lieutenant Dr Jaspal Singh DL and other dignitaries.

## New Shire Hall's Remembrance Service

The Chair's office hosted a Remembrance Day Service at New Shire Hall which was led by the Vice-Chair alongside Deputy Lieutenant Mr James Hutt DL and Lord-Lieutenant Cadet Sergeant Daniel White. Alconbury C of E Primary School provided the musical accompaniment with their Year 3 Choir. Councillors and colleagues from the council were in attendance.