

**COUNTY COUNCIL – 16TH OCTOBER 2018
CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PEOPLE

Soham North and Isleham Division By-Election

The result from the By-Election held on 4th October 2018 for the Soham North and Isleham Electoral Division was:

Name	Description	Votes Cast
Victoria Charlesworth	Liberal Democrat	527
Mark Goldsack	Conservative	858
Lee Jinks	Labour	191
Geoffrey Woollard	Independent	182

Councillor Goldsack was declared as the duly elected councillor for the Soham Electoral Division and has signed his/her declaration of acceptance.

Noelle Godfrey

Congratulations to Noelle Godfrey, Director of the Connecting Cambridgeshire and Smart Cambridge programmes, led by Cambridgeshire County Council, who has been voted one of the top 10 Female GovTech Leaders in the UK. The inaugural ranking by Govtech Leaders spotlights influential women across the public sector who are leaders, trailblazers and transformers.

Noelle has worked in local government IT for almost 29 years and is passionate about using the power of technology innovation with cross-sector collaboration to improve connectivity and local public service delivery. She has recently led several successful funding bids to expand the Connecting Cambridgeshire programme to significantly improve mobile, broadband and public WiFi coverage, whilst securing future proof full fibre and 5G networks, over the next four years.

SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS

Planned Opening of Ely Bypass on 31st October 2018

The Ely Southern Bypass will open on 31st October 2018. The new road will connect the A142 at Angel Drove to Stuntney Causeway and has been a much wanted scheme for over 20 years.

The £49 million scheme includes a 1.7km long single carriageway road including a viaduct crossing the Great Ouse and bridges over two railway lines. The road will solve long-standing congestion problems and reduce journey times for drivers. The area around Ely station is heavily congested with lorries and other larger vehicles which are

not able to use the low underpass. Once the bypass has opened, work on the existing underpass at the low bridge will begin in order to improve access for pedestrians and cyclists.

MESSAGES

Visit by His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester

The Chairman was honoured to welcome His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester to Cambridgeshire recently, on behalf of the County Council, when His Royal Highness visited the Oasis Community Centre and Nursery in Wisbech.

Whilst in Wisbech, His Royal Highness also visited the site for the People & Animals Community Farm, where he planted the first tree, and the Parish Church of St Augustine, where a memorial plaque was unveiled in memory of those from Wisbech who lost their lives during the First World War.